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# efugees tell of mass killings in Uganda

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a member of the Acholi tribe and Dr Milton Obote, the exiled former President, whom Presi-dent Amin accuses of master-minding an alleged plot against him is a member of the Langi tribe

Charles Harrison writes from Kampala: President Amin said today he was not involved in the deaths of the Archbishop and two Cabinet ministers. Re-ports that he had shot the Archbishop were "nonsense completely

In interviews today, President Amin revealed two new inci-dents in his Army. He said dissident troops in the Tiger Bat-talion at Mubende, 100 miles west of here, overpowered loyal officers and men and briefly seized control. Order was restored after about six soldiers were killed.

. In Kampala, firing was heard last night from the military police headquarters at Makin dye. President Amin said soldiers of the Langi and Acholi tribes "decided to shoot other tribes". They killed one military policeman and wounded another before they

were overpowered.
The President said 16 people were under arrest for smuggling arms. The prisoners had said that American, British and Israeli assistance was ready, with aircraft from an aircraft carrier, to drop paratroops on Ugandan towns. The Ameri-can aircraft carrier Enterprise arrived in the Kenyan port of Mombasa on Monday for what was described as a routine

determination to attend the Commonwealth conference in London in June. He would take a delegation of 250 Ugandans, including tribal

dance groups.

"I personelly want to attend the next meeting so that I can frankly put my views on the weakness of the British Government to all heads of the Commonwealth Governments. monwealth Governments.

"I trust that the Queen will receive me with the highest honour and respect."

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Roberts added that he hoped

Hansard would be perused care-

Conservative

From the Conservative benches Lord Ekon said that the time had come for con-sidering Uganda's suspension

fully in Kampala.

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jught of Amin visit

### **BP** holding main share in big new oilfield

Detailed evaluation of an oil find by British Petroleum/Conoco/Statoil in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea last summer has led to speculation within the companies that BP may have a majority share in a new oilfield at least as big

as its Forties discovery.

Much excitement has been generated within the discovery group by the find, which is in relatively shallow water, 225fr, with apparently good reservoir characteristics. Those factors could make development of the field easier and less costly than some other new finds in United Kingdom and Norwegian acre-

age that are in deep water.

The new oilfield is in block
7/12 about twenty miles from
the median line that divides the North Sea and is due east of Aberdeen. BP, which has taken over as operator for the group, is planning a series of appraisal wells this summer to confirm preliminary geological

Comparisons with RPs Forties field raise the possibility of the new discovery producing more than 400,000 barrels of oil a day. Although it is only 35 miles north-west of the Ekofish group of cilifields it is unlikely that the pipeline from

that the pipeline from that area to Teesside could accom-modate a flow of that size. BP "farmed" into the block last year, taking a share pre-viously held by Gulf. The deal gave BP a 57.5 per cent holding against Conoco's 25 per cent, Statoli's 12.5 per cent and the Norwegian Pelican consortium's per cent. Statoil, the Norwegian state

oil company, announced yester-day that the second well drilled on a separate structure north of the Starfjord field in far northern waters has been tested at a flow rate of 12,558 barrels a day through a 2 inch choke. Those figures also indicate another large oil deposit, but Statoil said in a statement that further evaluation would be required before it could be

established whether the find was commercially exploitable. Statoil has a helf stake in the field and the other shareholders are Mobil, Conoco, Esso, Shell, Saga, Amoco, Amerada Hess and Texas Eastern. Statoli is also a half shareholder in mother find aunounced yester-day, this time in block 1/9 south of the Ekofisk field. Testing produced oil and gas, but the company did not disclose flow

The Ross Rig. which made the discovery is moving to drill on block 15/9 before returning to block 1/9 for new appraisal drilling that Statoll says will be required to establish the commercial possibilities of the

### Bread strike is called off

A threatened national bread A intreatened national bread strike over equal pay for six thousand woman workers was called off last night.

After four hours of talks at the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (the Bakers' Union, and the Federation of Union and the Federation of

Bakers said they had reached agreement. It is understood the employers agreed to the equal pay demand without their pre-vious requirement that men should take a pay cut.



# Barricade stops sheriff

By Robert Parker

There was a vain attempt yesterday to serve a High Court possession order on about five hundred students who have been occupying the administration block at the London School of Economics for the past two weeks in protest about tuition fee increases.

An order granted to the LSE on Tuesday instructed the students to leave by midday yesterday. But when Mr Michael Harris, Under Sheriff of the County of London, arrived at 1.10 pm with two senior police officers to serve the order be found the occupied area barri-caded. He was not obstructed.

Mr Harris went to the firstfloor entrance of the occupied area, but the doors were locked. Mr John Cruse, senior treasurer of the students union and one of four people on whom the High Court order was served, told Mr Harris he had

<sup>24</sup>T Harris said: "I have got a court order which unfortu-nately I have to enforce. It is going to be enforced. I should like to take possession peacefully, but if I cannot, the only alternative is to take possession by force. I do not want to do

He spoke on the telephone

with Miss Wanda Goldwage general secretary of the union, who was inside the occupied area She refused on behalf of the students to admit him...

During the afternoon students from King's College near by urged the LSE students to sit down in the main entrance and obstruct the police. Their appeal had only limited success, and after a while they

There humour and moderation throughout yesterday. The two senior policemen were amused by a slogan outside the occupied area saving:" Welcome to our friends in blue. Fight for the right to strike."

One reporter who was allowed in said no damage had been caused. It was remarkably clean everywhere.

It was believed that the underesheriff and the police and decreasions on how to some the order giving the students what they want and with After good-humoured en sove the order giving the changes with students outside deats what they want and Mr Harris left. He said he out exacerbating matters. hoped he could return peace fully, as he had done 25 years students are being urged to previously to take a course in take action for 24 hours next Wednesday in protest at the Government's proposed in-creases in tuition fees (the

Press Association reports). Mr Charles Clarke, president of the National Union of Students, announced last night that the NUS had called a national day of action. It will include occupations of universities, polytechnics and college build-ings, lobbying of councillors, rallies, and student-staff open

Students at the Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, occu-pied the administrative build-ing yesterday in pursuit of various demands, including no

# demand for new strategy rejected

Labour's national executive, which two weeks ago wanted a which two weeks ago wanted a reconciliation with the Government, yesterday reverted to its basic instincts by demanding of Mr Cellaghan that a joint working party with ministers should be allowed to embrace an alternative economic strategy. native economic strategy. The Prime Minister made clear however, that such a proposition would not be entertained and that there was going

to be no change in government policy in mid-term. He added that it might be possible to hold discussions on economic policy later, but certainly not now. Left-wing members on the national executive were clearly national executive were clearly suffering withdrawal symptoms from their joint meeting with Cabinet ministers last week, particularly as they thought Mr Callaghan had made some provocative remarks.

The attack was led by Mr Mikardo, who had adopted a conciliatory role at the joint meeting, but yesterday he stated that the Prime Minister had produced the idea of joint

had produced the idea of joint working parties like "rabbits out of a hat".

Mr Callaghan had suggested a number of joint working parties, including industrial policy, unemployment, prices and education. Mr Mikardo, and some of his colleagues, argued yesterday, however, that an alternative economic strategy should be part of any discus-

sions.

Mr Mikardo complained that
Mr Callaghan had been a bit
abrasive in his remarks at the joint meeting. The executive was not seeking a confrontation but its hinest endeavour was to change policies in order "that we can go forward together to win the next general election 37.

Pressure on the Prime Minister to allow discussion on an alternative economic strategy also came from Mr Atkinson, party treasurer, Mr Heffer and Mrs Castle, who stated that the joint meeting had been "disappointing and disturbing ".

When asked to intervene in the debate by Mr John Chglmers, party chairman, Mr Callaghan said he had suggested joint meetings on industrial policy, but any discussion on alternative accurate. an alternative economic strategy was bound to lead to disagree-ment. "Let us make a start on things where we agree", he

While Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, stated that an alternative strategy might emerge from discussions on industrial policy, the Prime Minister made clear that the national executive could examine an alternative strategy if it wished, but it would not be part of any joint talks.

# Labour NEC Defeat on devolution guillotine puts Cabinet in straitjacket

Political Correspondent
Few options will be open to
the Cabinet this morning when
it meets to decide whether to
continue with the devolution
Bill, which seeks to set up
elected assemblies in Scotland
and Wales. The humiliating
defeat on Tuesday night of the
attempt to impose a timetable
to ensure the Bill's passage
through the Commons this
session makes that much plain.
Even allowing for the united
opposition of the Tories, it was
essentially a defeat of the
Government by its backbenchers. More than 40 are so
disenchanted with the Bill
that they refused all the blandishments and pressures of the

ishments and pressures of the whips, and Mr Callaghan, to whips, and Mr Callaghan, to vote for the guillotine motion. That is the central face the Cabinet must accept. Ministers were putting on a

brave face yesterday and saying that the committee stage will proceed. Indeed, the Opposition has been warned that the provisional programme for next week allots Tuesday and Wed-nesday to the continuation of the committee stage. But Labour realists realize that the Bill is virtually dead. Without a guillorine it is so full of volatile material, open

to challenge and amendment, that opportunities for delay and obstruction are manifold.

There are three courses for

ministers to consider. First, they
might continue with the Bill,
hoping that the Commons stages
can be completed in time for can be completed in time for the Lords to take the Bill this session, with the possibility of prolonging the session to December if necessary to enable them to do so. That idea was described as "pie in the sky" by a Labour opponent last night. After 11 days and nights the Commons has just completed consideration of three clauses in a 115-clause Bill, and the second reading of the new clause providing for referensecond reading for referen-duns in Scotland and Wales. There have been 15 divisions, apart from procedural motions on the closure of debates, and the Government has had majori-ties of between 19 and 267.

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But the real defeat has been inflicted by those opponents of the Bill, Conservative, Labour, and Liberal, who have tabled vast numbers of amendments and sustained debate on them without ever being justifiably accused of filibustaring. Mr Foot, Leader of the House, who in the past has made good use of the backbencher's power, has recognized that fact generosity.

His past successes are, indeed, an inspiration to the dissidents today. What could be done with the Parliament No 2 Bill to reform the House of Lords in 1967-68 could be

Secondly, the Government could decide to put the Bill into cold storage for the time being and bring in a quick Bill to authorize referendums in Scot-land and Wales as soon as pos-

That course was being urged by some Labour opponents yesterday; but it would mean the end of the Bill this session, and there would be much argument about the form of the questions.

The third possibility is that The third possibility is that the Government will accept the Shadow Cabinet proposition, supported by the Liberals, of an all-party convention on the constitution. It would have the

task of agreeing on the powers and functions of the proposed assemblies, and on the future representation at Westminster of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. A redrafted Bill would then be based on common What the convention should

consider would be open to discussion within the parties.
Obviously, the Liberals would like the terms of reference to be extended to cover the introduc-tion of proportional representa-tion for elections to the Scottish and Welsh assemblies as well as to the European Parliament and, eventually, Westminster. Reform of the House of Lords, inextricably interwoven

in the general reform plans, would be another candidate for inclusion.

But any devistion from the commitment given in the Queen's Speech to legislation on devolution this session will be seized upon by the nationalists as perfidy. The slaughter of Labour, Conservative, and Liberal caudidates at the next general election would be their aim, and the abandonment of inclusion.

aim, and the abandonment of the Bill would be for them a propaganda coup.

Mr Callaphan's view is that the Government has done its and that the proposals have been thwarted by the combined efforts of a united Conserva-tive Party (which earlier seemed likely to split on the

issue), an almost united Liberal Party, and the forty or so Labour dissidents. He and other Cabinet ministers are pointing out to their political audiences in Scotland and Wales that Labour now seem to be the only party com-mitted to devolution of power m new assemblies, preserving the unity of the United King-dom. Today they will consider whether there may be some other way of devolving powers to Scotland and Wales.
The Prime Minister is auxious to let it be known

that the Government does not Continued on page 2, col 1

# 'Private Eye' sellers lose appeal

Legal Correspondent

Libel write issued by Sir James Goldswith against 17 James continuin against in distributors of Private Eye were not an abuse of the process of the court and he was entitled to proceed with them, the Court of Appeal decided by two to one yesterday.

Lord Justice Scarman and Lord Justice Bridge rejected argument by the distributors that Sir James's real motive for

Private Euc's outlets. Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, in a dissenting judgment, found that Sir James's predominent purpose was to stop the magazine from being distributed. That was a purpose outside the legitimate scope of the legal process, and the court should not allow the actions to contime, he said.

His opinion, however, was criticized by the other two judges. The court dismissed the

Southampton, in a sample case for all 17 distributors, from a decision by Mr Justice Stocker, who had overturned a decision by a High Court master staying Sir James's action.

Costs were awarded against Sperring, but will in fact be paid by Private Eye. The total costs are estimated at between £20,000 and £30,000. Leave to appeal to the House of Lords Law Report, page 6

# Dr Kreisky reminds Israel of Palestinian rights

From Moshe Brilliant

Tel Aviv, Feb 23.
Dr Kreisky, the Austrian Chancellor, appeared today before 3,000 delegates to the Israel Labour Party's convention and told them boldly that the Palestinian members had as the Palestinian people had as much right as Israelis to demand recognizion of their national entity.

sidering Uganda's suspension from the Commonwealth. He suggested that the Commonwealth would be the ideal forum for exposing recent events in Uganda and for showing that it was not only Christians, but peoples of all colours and religious who looked on Referring to Israel's insistence that Jordan should represent the Palestinians in peace negotiations, the and religious, who looked on these with rerulsion. The Bishop of Sr Edmunds-bury and Ispwich, Dr Leslie Chancellor said: "I want to tell you, dear friends, that you will Brown, who returned at the weekend from Nairobi called weekend from Nation called for speedy action because of fear that the killings of the past could be far exceeded by those of the present and future. Parliamentary report, page 7

tion which is to elect the party's foreseen you would develop in candidate for Prime Minister such a fashion? The Israel and leader in the parliamentary Labour Party's election platform elections on May 17. Voting by secret ballot began later

Dr Kreisky, who is of Jewish descent, has been unpopular here for outspoken comments including his support for recog-nition of the Palestinians. He was applauded as he stated that although he was not a Zionist, he felt a common fate with the "Community to which my an-

But he said sharply that it not be able to choose who shall represent those people."

Dr Kreisky was among an unprecedented array of political diguatories from 17 countries attending the conven-

Dr Burns attacks

Mr Carter's Administration was severely criticized yesterday by Dr Arthur Burns,

chairman of the United States Federal Reserve System, for producing policies that caused new lears about inflation. The Budget, which stepped up public

spending, included a plan for cash rebates to every American "which would weaken business confidence"

Ulster shooting: Mr Peter Hill, aged 45, a prominent Londonderry business-man, was shot dead near his home in Limavady Road, Londonderry, last-night Mason attack, page 2

Frand allegations: A new report on allegations of social security fraud, submitted by Mr Iain Sproat, MP, are expected to be published next month.3

Holidays: Fewer people took holidays

away from home last year but they

Carter Budget

opposes the establishment of a Palestinian state independent of Jordan.

In a brief speech before the polling, Mr Rabin, the Prime Minister, said that during the

two years and nine months of his administration the country had gained strength and enjoyed quiet borders. He closed on a personal note, asking:
"Wouldn't a vote against me mean no confidence in the man

and what we have done? How will the party explain why the Prime Minister was changed?" Mr Peres, the rival candidate, spoke at greater length, emphasizing domestic problems including the social gap, infla-

scandals, the decline in immi-grate and the rise in emigration.

He said polls showed that the

party was declining and would not obtain the 750,000 votes needed to hold its own. Tel Aviv: In tonight's voting, Mr Rabin could count on the support of the party machinery, of much of the large Tel Aviv area delegation and of delegates from kibbuazim.

Mr Peres was believed to have the support of most of the Jerusalem and Haifa branches of the party as well as that of delegates from "development towns", where many Jewish immigrants from Arab countries have settled.—Reuter.

Refugees' misery, page 5

Britain has asked the Soviet Union to act in the spirit of Helsinki in considering some 40 cases of Soviet citizens who want to come to this country. Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Mini-ster of State at the Everien

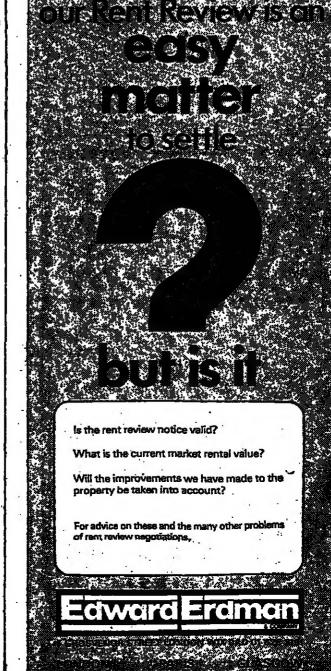
on human rights.

He pointed out that of the people seeking to come to Britain from the Soviet Union some wanted to join relatives permanently, and others wanted to visit relatives.

The obstacle on the Russian side seems to be the strong disapproval of Sovier citizens who have left their homeland to settle in a foreign country.

Lord Goronwy-Roberts emphasized the importance and phasized the importance at-

ference.—Agence France-Presse.



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or Mr Agee see failed to gain the procottish courts against deportation order. The sion said the Home Secre-

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### Mr Hattersley in merger controversy Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for

Mr Hatterstey, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, was at the centre of a controversy after refusing to stop a contested merger between Herbert Morris and Babcock and Wilcox. A Monopolies Commission panel held, by a majority of three to two, that the takeover might operate against the public interest Page 17

**EEC** poll talks Early talks on European direct elec-tions are being sought by the Labour Party national executive with Mr Rees, Home Secretary, and Dr Owen, Foreign Secretary

Mr Amalrik detained Paris police briefly detained Mr Andrei Amalrik, the Soviet dissident, who was protesting outside the Elysée Palace against President Giscard d'Estaing's

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### **Britain reminds** Russia of Helsinki spirit

ster of State at the Foreign Office raised the question with Mr Nikolai Lunkov, the Soviet Ambassador, yesterday in the course of a general discussion

tached by Britain to the Helsinki agreements. Vienna, Feb 23.-Bulgarian emigrant representatives today claimed that Bulgaria had sig nificantly stepped up repression against non-conformist circles since the Helsinki con-

# SNP sees vote as big Brave words from propaganda weapon gloomy Wales

From Ronald Faux Edinburgh

The clear mood among Scottish National Party supporters yesterday was for an early general election. The party's national executive is to meet in Scotland this weekend to discuss strategy, and a clamour to bring down the Government

is expected.

Mrs Margo MacDonald, senior vice-chairman of the SNP, put the blame for defeat entirely on the Government. She said if it had made it an issue of confidence the necessary votes would have been secured.

The only interpretation of the vote was that MPs did not like devolution. The only honest course now, she believed, was to put the option of independence directly to the electorate.

The vote put an absolutely huge propaganda weapon into our hands. The morale in the party is high and we are ready fight either at an election or referendum." . Party workers believe the

referendum should now be a straight choice between the status quo or independence. It would be shallow for the Government to include devolution among the questions, since it had not been willing to force devolution through the Commons. Another party official said the vote had polarized the issue and made it more likely that Scotland could ochieve independence in one stage

In contrast to the nationalists' jubilant indignation, the Labour Party in Scotland sounded shaken and demoralized. A senior officer speaking in Glasgow predicted a recoil in Scotand friction between England and Scotland, with some Scotlish Labour MPs deciding not to support certain legislation for England. Bringing forward the referendum was not feasible, he thought since there would he no middle ground in future between the status quo and separation.

The General Council of the Scottish TUC, a strong sup-porter of devolution through a Scottish assembly, said the tragedy was that the Labour hackbenchers who had rebelled against the guillotine had done

the Bill could lead to separa. From Trevor Fishlock

"The reality is that the failure of the Bill could have the most divisive effects on British working people. The overwhelming majority of Scottish trade unionists will be stunned and saddened by this development", it said. The people to benefit most would the Scottish National Party.

The council urged the Government to go ahead with the Bill and to bring forward as quickly as possible a refer-endum, which would show clearly the overwhelming support in Scotland for the Government's proposals.

Mr Michael Ancram, vicechairman of the Conservative Party in Scotland, said the momentum for devolution would continue and a genuinely acceptable solution must still be sought. "What happened...

was basically a procedural matter. It would be very bad if it was now decided that this was a case of Westminster versus Scotland. It was simply a question of refusing to shut up and accept a basically bad Bill without discussion."

Mr Norman Buchan, Labour

MP for Renfrewshire, West, said be believed the Government should press ahead with the Bill and continue discussion un the referendum to include a question on Scotland remain-Wider talks must also be held to discover what measure of agreement there was on giving the Scottish assembly greater money-raising power.

He said that many of the Labour MPs who had rebelled had done so for conscientious reasons. Liberals on the other hand, a party pledged on devolution, had yoted against simply because there was no concession on proportional representation. Even more deeply disturbing was the Con-servatives' decision to vote on

a party basis. Mr Russell Johnston, Liberal MP for luverness, said: "We have consistently argued for an all-party conference since before the publication of the Bill. This remains the only solution and I welcome the Tory Party's conversion to it and hope the Government will initiate discussions as soon as possible."

Crdiff

There were brave words from devolutionists in Wales vester-dy about losing the battle but not the war.

Apportioning blame helped to soften the sting, but they found little to alleviate their gloomy mood. The best they could make of it ll was to conclude that devolution had been in Welsh minds on nd off for 100 years. and they would just have to go on trudging the road.

The Welsh Office will bring to a discreet end, at least for the time being, the work to convert Cardiff's old Coal Exchange into the Assembly

. While there ws anger from some quarters over the defeat and the secretary of Plaid Cymru talked of a "stab in the back", most devolutionists admitted that they were deeply

disappointed.
No one can be more de-pressed than Mr Morris, Secretary of State for Wales, who has been an enthusiastic champion of devolution since his university days. He had been heartened by the start last grouth of a non-party devolution. month of a non-party devolution campaign in Wales which pre-ceeded the launching of a joint Welsh Labour Party and Wales TUC campaign to secure a "Yes" vote in the proposed referendum. .

Mr Emrys Jones, secretary of hie Welsh Labour Party, who went to Westminster on Tuesday to urge MPs opposed to day to urge ALYs opposed to devolution to change their minds, said vesterday: "We believe strongly the tareform of government in Wales is necessary and inevitable, and that the devolution Bill is a great opportunity to extend particiopportunity to extend partion in deciison making. "I am extremely disap-pointed. We in the Welsh Labour Party have worked for

11 years to shape a policy re-flecting the consensus view. Where we have failed as a party is to convince English MPs of the need for devolution. to explain to them that the proposais were part of a pattern that would benefit England as well as Scotland and Wales.
"The Labour Party executive

has failed in this task of communication, and must take much of the blame. Mr Foot and Mr Morris have done a first class

iob, but some other ministers have not supported mem in the task of education."

The Welsh Labour executive will meet soon to discuss the consequences of defeat. It will resist any move towards an early referendum. The party has always opposed referendums aways opposed reacting dums on principle. It also knows that the chances of Wales voting "No" to devolution are much greater in a snap

The party was reasonably confident that a long-term cam paign of public education would have produced a "Yes" vote. The best available information suggests that a third of the people of Wales are for devolution, a third against, and a third

referendum.

improve.

undecided.
Plaid Cymru, which has three of the 36 Welsh MPs and 2 tenth of the Welsh vote, believes it may benefit from the defeat, and talks of doubling its seats at the dext general election. Certainly some Labour members admitted vesterday they saw no reason now why Plaid Cymru's vote should not

have certainly made advances in parliamentary and local terms, and are second in six constituencies, a doubling of seats would be a sensation. ment issued after a two-hour hearing at the Court of Session in Edinburgh yesterday Lord Kincraig upheld the Solicitor General for Scotland's submis-Mr Gwynfor Evans, Plaid Cymru president, said there would be great disillusionment with Labour in Wales. "It has made promises but failed to deliver. We support the SNP.

in its call for a general

But while the nationalists

Lord Kincraig said be would have found it difficul: to grant The pro-devolution Western Mail says today: "The Bill is dead, long live devolution." Mr Leslie Knight, chairman of interim interdict against the Chief Constable of Lothian and Borders preventing him from rethe Welsh Conservative Party, said the Government should straining the personal liberty of Mr Agec or from removing him convene a constitutional confrom the jurisdiction of the Scottish court. ference to resolve the devolution question.

It could not be affirmed At the Cosl Exchange the positiviely that Mr Agee was Government has spent or com-mitted £258,000 on strengthenwithin the jurisdiction of the chief constable. It would thereing work, equipment, fees and wages. But the contract for the fore be inept to grant an order preventing his removal if he were no longer within the jurismain part of conversion has not yet been given. The Welsh diction of the Scottish court. Lord Kincraig said the sole Office, which is committed to ground advanced by Mr Lionel Duiches, QC, for Mr Arze, for suspending the order was whether the deportation order lease the exchange for 10 years at "current market rental", hopes offices can be used by other government departments. Rozald Butt, page 14 could effectively be enforced in

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### HOME'NEWS.

# Nuclear threat to liberties feared

Science Editor

Questions about long-term security measures that would stallations. be made necessary by an ex- mitted to Mr Benn reflect conpanded nuclear power pro- cern that draconian security gramme have been submitted measures would be needed to by Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secre- protect stocks of plutonium tary of State for Energy, to the (with weapon potential) which various government and indusrial agencies responsible for wim proposals to increase nu-safety. The questions ere pre- clear power capacity about to pared by the Council for the times over the nevt 30 to 40 Protection of Rural England, years.

Friends of the Earth and the The submission states: " Just Friends of the Earth and the National Council for Civil as there should be widespread

Information is being sought about possible restrictions on civil and policical liberty as nuclear poer is exploited for energy supply.

Anxiety over security is not confined to Britain, for the United State Nuclear Regulatory Committee resterday ordered all nuclear power

From Our Correspondent

Office deportation order.

Mr Philip Agée the former CIA agent, has lost his fight for the protection of the Scot-

In a six-page written judg-

sions and ruled that the Home

Secretary was completely em-

powered to deport any person

resident in Scotland.

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Scottish court rules

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take other action to prevent forcible takeover of atomic in-

flowever, the questions sub-

Liberties, and accepted by Mr public understanding of the technical implications of a large nuclear power programme baiore major decisions taken, so the social and political implications of such a pro-gramme should also be widely understood in advance."

The questions asked are: what ways would the Official Secrets Act be extended, particularly tosecurity screening

State for Scotland. The submis-

sion was fallacious. Under the statutes the powers

and duties of the Secretary of State for Scotland became vested in any one of her Majesty's principal secretaries

The Home Secretary was em-

retary for Scotland so far as they related to Scotland. For

those reasons the attack on the validity of the deportation order had failed. On that ground

the petitioners motion for interim interdict must be refused.

an appeal to a higher court

TUC decision: The TUC General Council yesterday washed its hands of Mr Philip Agee

and Mr Mark Hosenball and

turned its attention to the pro-

cedures of immigration law surrounding their case (Our

A more to send a second

Labour Editor writes).

would be considered.

Mr Daiches said later that after he had read the judgment and surveillance of people working in the electricity supply industry? What levels of armed force would be needed to guard large quantities of plutonium in transit and in nuclear installations themselves? How many sites around the country would be needed for nuclear installations, where would those sites be, and what size of security service would

be created to safeguard them? The sensitivity of such matters was apparent yesterday when the Government said it was not possible to say which security agencies " would have to answer those questions. Indeed, it was certain that several questions would remain unanswered for security reasons.

The Home Office, the

Ministry of Defence, the Atomic Energy Authority and the Central Electricity Generating Board would be among the bodies concerned with the

### Two secrets charge men granted bail

By Stewart Tendler Home Affairs Reporter Two journalists charged under the Official Secrets Act were told in Brixton prison last night that a High Court judge had agreed to give them bail. But Mr. Justice Bristow, hearing applications for bail in chambers, refused. of state, including the Home powered under the Secretary for Scotland Act. 1926, to exer-cise powers of the former Secbail for a former soldier charged with the two men. On Monday, at Tottenham Magistrates' Court, all three were ermanded in custody for a

week, and yesterday counsel for the three appealed to the judge to reverse the court's decision.
Crispin Aubrey, aged 31, of
north London, and Duncan
Campbell aged 24, of Brighton. were each given bail of £500 in their own recognizances and two sureties each of £2,500. At the end of a two-hour hearing John Berry, aged 33, of north London, was refused ball. Mr Aubrey, who works for Time Out magazine, and Mr Campbell a freelance journalist who has worked for the magazine, are each charged

with receiving classified information Mr Berry, a former member of the Royal union delegation to Mr Rees. the Home Secretary, to protest at the secrecy surrounding the deportation orders attracted Signals, is charged with communicating the information. only six votes from the 38 The three men were arrested last Friday in Muswel Hill. north London, by members of the Sepcial Branch, and charged members of the general council, and the TUC will now confine its activity to making represen-tations about the state of the on Sunday evening.

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By Christopher Walke Belfax

Mr Mason, Secr State for Northern yesterday chose the Belfast Cathedral to a bigored attitudes of m politicians.

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Branch detectives, M was giving the first o of Lenten Jectures general theme of ti sins. His subject, chosdean, was politics with ciple and it allowed cover the local polini. with characteristic blur He found it stra

politics in Northern should be dominated gion. The religious be person in most cas mined which political would join, he told time audience of 500. "There are political believe that a perso gious affiliation should him from some of the their supporters carry enough to believe tha should be killed bet

their religion. "There are political believe that go fellow. who subscribes to a ... view should be given a in the decision-making of government, even such a stance may lead

tinuing hardship bloodshed within North land.

That seems to m politics without princi-the basis for dictatorshi Speaking before fl London for a security at Westminster, Mr Ma tated the British Gover determination to stay Northern Ireland and for an end to violence. "You have all he catch cries of 'milital drawal', economic drawal' and 'decolon What the people whe such rumours fail to stand, and what the believe them equally fai derstand, is that the Govern enr is simply no to attempt any clever as or wheeling dealing tri-cynical sell-outs of th munity."

# Difficult devolution choice faces ministers

Continued from page 1

see the defeat on the guillotine motion as a vote of no confi-dence. He insists that the Bill not the central plank in the Government's programme and that the conquering of inflation an improvement economy are the priorities.

On the night of the defeat. Mr Callaghan warned some of the rebel Labour MPs that they might find they had obtained to regret it. What he meant by that was that the only beneiciaries, politically, will be the Scottish and Welsh nationalists and the Liberals, and that some of the rebels may lose their

There is no question of disciplining the rebels. They had given long notice of their intentions, Ministers and whips had tried for weeks to dissuade them from defeating the guillotine motion.

As long and as February 7 the Prime Minister had a full list from the whips of the intending rebels, and the "situation report" which he received at 8 pm on Tuesday showed that there had been only minor changes, involving decisions to abstain rather than vote against. The final whips'

out. Mrs Thatcher and Shadow Cabiner decided last night to press forward with the demand for a constitutional convention and withdrawal of

The 70 Conservative MPs who belong to the anti-devolutionist

clause to demonstrate even which the Bill is riddled." Leading

son (Renfrewshire, East), Mr Amery (Brighton, Pavilian), Mr Macmillan (Farnham), Mr Macmillan (Farnham). Mr Sproot (Aberdeen, South), and Mr Grist (Cardiff, North).

be "an increasingly ludicrous exercise". They promised that there would be fillbustering. only serious criticism of the Eill's defects.

If there is to be a constitutional convention, they will ask that the delegates shall not be chosen from the front buches; they want all strands of opinion to be represented from the backbenches, even though that having up to a hundred mem-

That would provide for referendums in Scotland and Wales with at least two ques-

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Flag Group had earlier thrown tions: down the gauntlet to the Gov- accept the Government's devoerament. lution proposals?" Do you "After such a resounding want to remain part of the defeat, it would be utter face United Kingdom?"; and posdefeat, it would be utter farce for the Government to press on with the Bill", Mr George if they want things to remain Gardiner, MP for Reigste, the group's shokesman, said. But if it does so, we are ready to continue debating clau se by clause to demonstrate even and then arremoting to see the

benchers that if group are Miss Harvie Ander-

They said the Government would find, if it decided to plod on with the Bill, that it would

would mean the convention bers. Mr Eric Heffer, Labour MP

for Liverpool, Walton, and a former minister, said: "The Government should now bring in a short Sill, based on the new clause authorizing the referendums, which was passed last week." last week.

and then attempting to get the guillotine at a second attempt. Ministers are telling backdropped they should not assume that there will be an easy session ahead. There are apparently plenty of Bills on the way to keep the House busy. But there is no promise of an early Bill on direct elections to the European Parliament.

The Scottish nationalists decided yesterday that Mr Donald Stewart, the SNP leader in the Commons, should seek a meeting with the Prime Mini-ster to discuss the Bill's future. Plaid Cymru's three MPs demanded a meeting with the Prime Minister to clarify the Government's intentions.

Mr James Sillers, MP for Avrshire, South, and chairman of the Scottish Labour Party, said yestarday: "In the wake of alst night's vote, those who have remained Scottish members of the British Labour Plaid Cymru's three MPs

"Are you prenared to Party must think again. "Over a year ago the Labour Party reneged on its pledge over economic powers, and have now completed the exercis eby rejecting the very con-cept of an elected legislative, assembly."

Mr Emiyo Hooson, QC, MP. for Montgomery and leader of the Welsh Liberal Party said: "Whatever now happens with the devolution Bill, it is quite obvious that the Liberals are absolutely on the right track in insisting that the only way of getting meaningful devolution, while totally guaranteeing the unity of the United Kingdom, is

The debates had shown growing appreciation of the need to change the electoral system, he added Proportional representa-tion would protect the United Kingdom Parliament and any assembly from domination by minority extremists.

A group of Conservative back-benchers tabled a Commons motion last night calling atten-tion to the fact that at the general election the Conservarive, Labour, Liberal, and Scottish National parties all had manifestos centaining a com-mitment to an elected Scottish

assembly.

The MPs asked for the immediate establishment of a constitutional convention.

# MPs who backed guillotine

The following MPs supported the Government in its unsuccessful attempt to impose a 20-day guillottne on the Scotland and Water Bill guillotine on the Scotland and Wales Bill.

Air Hooson (Montsorper, L.) Mr Howells (Lardigan, L.), Mr Cra's (Belfest, East, UU.) Mr Kittedder (Down, North), Mr G. Erans (Carnardigan, P.) Cymru, Mr B. Thomas (Merioneth, P.) Cymru, Mr B. Thomas (Merioneth, P.) Cymru, Mr Sen (Carnardon, P.) Cymru, Mrs Sen (Dunbartonshire, East, Scot Nat.) Mr Scotland, Scotland, Mrs Marcy and Scotland, Mrs Marcy and Scotland, Mr G. Thompson Aberdenshire, East, Scot Nat. Mr Reid (Sulrilayshire, East and Clackmannan, Scotland, Mr G. Thompson MacCornack, (Argyl, Scotland, Welsh (Laudoway, Scotland, Mr G. Thompson (MacCornack, (Argyl, Scotland, Welsh (Angus, South, Scotland, Mr.) Mr G. Hollows, Scotland, Mr. Matt. Mr Watt (Bulleys, Scotland, Scotland, Mr.) Mr G. Robertson (Palsoy, ElP) and Mr Sillars (Aycahire, South, Scotland, Mr.) Mr G. Robertson (Palsoy, ElP) and Mr Sillars (Aycahire, South, Scotland, Mr.) The Opposition had agreed to three official pairing arrangements: Sir Peter Kirk (Saffron Walden, C.) with Mr Raymond Fletcher (Ilkeston, Lab); Sir Stephen McAdden (Southend, East, C.) with Mrs Joyce Builer Stephen McAdden (Southend, Sant Country, Stephen McAdden (Southend, East. C) with Mrs Joyce Butler (Harlugey. Wood Green); and Mr. Spencer Le Marchant (High Jezk, C) the Opposition whip, with Mr Rowlands, Minister of Country Mrs. State, Foreign Office, who was overseas on government busi-

ness.
The following Labour MPs voted against the Government:
Leo Abse (Pontpost). Roretd Erown (Hackney, South, and Shoredich).
Harry Cowans (Newcastle upon Tree.

The Highlands and Islands Development Board has bought the 3,800-acre west Highland estate of Rahoy on the Morvern

Weish language demonstra-tors got into the headquarters of BBC foreign services at Bush House, Aldwych, London, yes-terday, and hurled office files



vacancy at Birmingham. Stech-ford, caused by Mr Roy Jenkins's appointment to the presidency of the EEC Commis-sion, was 310. They produced 285 MPs (including tellers) to vote for the gnillotine. The following Labour MPs did not vote:

not vote:

Donald Anderson (Swanses, East),
Gordon Bagiar (Sunderland South)
Arthur Bottondey (Teesside, MiddlesArthur Bottondey)
Stringburn), Bernard Gonian (Gateshead, East), Richert Crawshay (Liverpool, Testieth), Jean Evans (Aberdere,
John Essas (Newton), Frank Ratnot
Violanchester, Moss Side), Eric Heffer
Liver-pool, Wallon), Robert Hughes
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Handsworth, Wigel Spearing (Newham, South), David Wattins-(Consett),
William Whitlock (Nottingham, North)

### Board to develop deer farming

peninsula to evolve commercial deer farming techniques which could be later applied else-where in the Highlands and

Welsh protest at BBC

### Suppression of report denied Suggestions that trade union

objections were responsible for the suppression of a report on housing by the Building Economic Development Council are denied by Mr George Smith, secretary of the Union of Con-Struction, Allied Trades and Technicians and a member of the council our Planning Reporter writes).

As reported in The Times or As reported in the report is rebruary 16, the report is understood to favour increasing against a county council decision to make 12 officers decision to make 12 officers home ownership at the expense of council building.

### starts strike From Our Correspondent

Council 'bias'

Scotland because it had not tations abobeen made by the Secretary of legislation.

Merchyr Tydfil

remark

Services in Merthyr Tydfil. Mid Glamorgan, were crippled by a strike yesterday because of a remark by a Welsh nationalist councillor that council officers showed political bias raries, and housing and taxation departments are affected.

Last night 300 members of the National and Local Government Officers Association (Nalgo) began the strike in protest at the remark. It caused Mr Frank Ryder, the town's director of laisure, to leave a council meeting on Tuesday

Night, weeping.
Councillor Edward Bartlett, one of the controlling Plaid
Cymru group, made the allegation of bias. When asked to say whom he menut he replied "Mr Ryder and his assistant." In spite of a Plaid Cymru apol ogy and a withdrawal by Mr Bartlett of his allegation, the

Talks are expected on Monday between Naige officials and councillors but until then the strike will continue. Bus scri vices may be affected later.

### Court martial declines to stop hearing

The case against Lieutenant-Commander Peter Paget, aged 44, of Bishop's Stortford, Hert-fordshire, accused of negligence in the loss of the Royal Naval Reserve minesweeper Fittleton last autumn, was so weak that no reasonable court could conyesterday. But the court mar-tial at Portsmouth decided to continue the hearing today. Commander Paget has

Commander Paget has pleaded not guilty to four charges or negligence arising from the incident wen his ship hif the frigate Mermaid and sank. Twelve men died. Commander George Beattle, for Commander Paget, said the Fittleton was sucked towards the bigger ship by underwater

currents, not steered in. Earlier a naval ship-handling expert, Commander Chris-topher Morgan, said there had been serious mistakes before the collision. The two ships need not have so close together. After an initial bump the Fittleton should have slowed instead of accelerating. From the evidence, the minesweeper was steered into the path of the

rigate.
"I do not know whether the starboard wheel was applied in error, but I am convinced it was the last wheel applied, and it was not seen on the bridge in the agony of the moment. This was negligent", he said.

### Firemen's protest

Essex firemen have banned overtime by control telephone operators, in an intensification of their emergency-only protest redundant in an economy drive.

### Wilson denial on classified documents By Peter Henness

Sir harold Wilson yesterday stood by his assertion that no member of his Political Office at 10 Downing Street has seen classified documents during the time he was Prime Minis-

ter.

His repewe ddenial was stimulated by the reproduction n The Sun of a minute alleged to have been sent to Sir Harold on June 28, 1965, by Mr (now Sir) Derek Mitchell, then his principal private secretary. The document dealt with arrange-ments for Lady Falkender, Sir Harold's personal and political secretary, to be shown classi-fied documents, including Cabinet minutes, dealing with

domestic affairs. Sir Harold stated at the time of his controversial resignation honours list lat summer and in his volume of reflections, The Governance of britain, published in October, that Lady Falkender, who ran his political office, had not seen classified material. He said yesterday that Lady falkender had agreed to that arrangement.
Sir Derek's minute, as printed in The Sun, expressed

should receive highly sensitive material originating from the Joint Intelligence and Oversea, Policy and Defence Committees of the Cabinet. Such material has a limited and rightly controleld circulation. Sir Derek, pew head of over-

seas finance in the Treasury, yesterday stood by the Civil Service code which prevents officials from disclosing or But there has long been scepti-cism in Whitehell about Sir-Rarold's blanket denial as even the daily log of the Prime Minister's movements and engagements, which Lady Falkender would most certainly

have seen, is given a "res-tricted" classification to ensure his personal security. If the document quoted by The Sun was a forgery, it must have been compiled by some-one with an intimete, inside knowledge of the procedures used by the private office at 10 Downing Street for handling classified material. The method of conveying highly sensitive documents to the

Prime Minister was netWORK in during the premiership network, but the new transcript accurately the procedures in use in 1101 Says the procedures in use in 1101 Says erning the distribution sensitive material fro

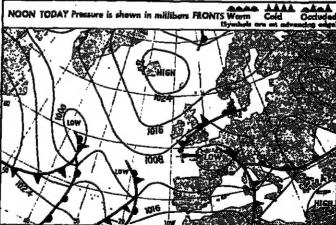
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The practice of positi material, is extended to one working in numbers whether in a Civil Service whether in a political capacity. yesterday that he inten seek legal advice abou Downing Street minute said the document appear have been leaked by a

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# Weather forecast and recordings.



Today Sun rises: Sun sets: 5.32 pm Moon rises: Moon sets: 12.39 am 9.26 am 12.39 am tomorrow Pirst quarter: February 26.
Lighting up: 6.2 pm to 6.25 am.
Bligh water: London Bridge, 5.20 am, 6.9m (22.7ft); 5.46 pm, 6.8m (22.2ft). Avoamouth, 10.39 am, 11.7m (38.3ft); 10.46 pm, 11.2m (36.9ft). Bover. 2.21 am, 6.3m (20.5ft); 2.43 pm, 5.9m (19.4ft). Hull, 9.41 am, 6.4m (21.0ft); 9.48 pm, 6.5m (21.2ft). Liverpool, 2.37 am, 8.2m (26.8ft); 2.54 pm, 8.2m (26.8ft).

Pressure will be high to the NW of the British Isles and remain low to the S, with a NE remain low to the S, with a NE airstream over most places.
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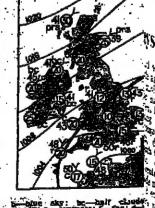
SE and central S England:
Rather cloudy, rain in places; wind E, moderate; max temp 10°C (50°F).

E and central N England and W Middlands: Mostly cloudy, bill fog and rain in places, snow at times, especially on hills; wind NE, moderate or fresh; max temp 4°C (39°F).

(39°F). Wales and NW England: Mostly cloudy, hill fog and rain in places, snow at times, especially on hills, probably becoming brighter; wind NE, fresh; max temp 4°C (33°F). Channel Islands and SW England: Mostly cloudy, hill fog; rain at times, sleet on hills; wind NE, moderate; max temp 6°C (43°F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW and NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyli and Northern Ireland Argyli and Northern Ireland:
Mostly dry, sunny intervals: wind
NE, moderate or fresh; max temp
6°C (43°F), frost in places.
NE England. Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen,
Central Highlands, Moray Firth,
NE Scotland, Orkney and Shetland: Wintry showers, occasionally heavy; bright or sunny
intervals: wind NE, moderate or
fresh; max temp 4°C (39°F), frost
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Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Bright intervals and wintry

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; 



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### Most complaints submitted by MP displayed a poor grasp of the social security system

# Welfare report likely to disclose small incidence of fraud

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent

Social Services Correspondent
A second report on allegations of social security fraud
submitted for investigation by
Mr Iain Sproat, Conservative
MP for Aberdeen, South, is
likely to disclose as low
an incidence of proved fraud
as the first one, which
appeared last week.
The new report covering

appeared last week.

The new report covering about two hundred allegations, will probably be published next month. The first one covered 196, and disclosed eight instances of fraud.

The eight, which involve nexts fraud rather than organ.

petry fraud rather than organpetty traud rather than organ-ized crime, are being dealt with. The expectation of a similarly low yield from the second investigation is based on the fact that the allegations were made in the same kinds of

letter as the first batch.

Air Orme, Minister for Social
Security, has allowed me to see
a selection of those letters,

gations investigated. Most were written by people with a low standard of literacy and little knowledge of the relationship between benefits and contributions paid. Some were clearly malicious

malicious.

One woman complained that a social security cheque had conabled a family to buy a colour television set, while a relative of hers had been unable to get a grant to buy pyjamas. Interviewed by officials, she was unable to name the family concerned. The investigators concluded that she was simply passing on gossip. passing on gossip.

Her relative had not asked for a grant since he had last re-ceived one to pay for pyjamas four years ago. A man was accused of joining the Army during the last war specifically to earn himself a pension, and not to have worked since his discharge. He was said

to live rent-free in a council

Conservative backbenchers at

the Commons last night were

heavily signing an early-day motion drafted by officials of

the Opposition's home affairs committee, calling on the Gov-

ernment to find a way to in-crease police pay and end the grievances of the British police forces. The motion reads: That this House, believing that an efficient and contented police force is indispensable to the main-

tenance of the Queen's peace, calls on the Prime Minister to procure a speedy solution to the police pay dispute on the principles applied in the case of the seamens' pay settlement.

Among the principal signatories are Mr Edward Gardner, QC, Mr Maudling, Mr Michael Alison, Mr Patrick Mavhew, Mr Roger Sims, and Mr Alan Clark. They have deliberately mentioned the Prime Minister, who in years of Labour opposition was parliamentary consultant to the Police Federations of England and Wales and Scott

England and Wales and Scot-land. (The consultancy post is

dressed.

In fact the man was 69, and was buying his house at a weekly cost including rates of under £4 a week. His best clothes were £5 years old. He had been invalided out of the Air Force and unable to work since because of a combination of aliments, including arthritis, deafness and high blood-pressure. He lived on invalidity bouef.r and supplementary benefit.

Not all allegations were quite so ill founded. Three members of one family were named in a letter containing allegations arainst a total of eight people, all known to their local social security office and against some of whom suspicions had arisen

All three had started new jobs and stopped drawing bene-fit before the investigations were completed. If any of them claims benefit again their cases

Conservative call over police pay

now held by Mr Eldon Griffiths, a Conservative backbencher and son of a police inspector.) Mr Gardner said last night:

"The police deserve better treatment that they are getting. The fact that they have no right to strike must not be exploited;

the Government must do for the police what they did for the National Union of Seamen, be-

cause the case for the payment of fringe benefits to the police is just as strong, if not stronger."

Our Crime Correspondent writes: Representatives of the

120,000 members of the Police Federation will tell Home

Office officials tomorrow that

unless progress is made on their £6-a-week claim within

the next two weeks they can-not be held responsible for

action that some members might take.

last night after a meeting of the executive: The mood in

some areas is such that groups of police officers may decide to go on strike or just report

A federation official said

house and to be always well will be referred to a senior dressed.

In fact the man was 69, and investigators that it was rare was buying his house at a for all threa to be working at weekly cost including rates of the same time.

But a woman named in the But a woman named in the letter, who was said to be drawing benefit while receiving substantial sums from two lodgers, was not claiming benefit. She was the cohabitee of one of the men, who was unemployed but not available for work because he was caring for their children while she was in hospital rewhile she was in hospital re-

while she was in hospital re-covering from an operation.

Mr Orme said that about half his post of 500 letters a week on social security matters made allegations of fraud. The rest were from people who found it difficult to get benefits to which they believed they were en-titled. Fewer than two-fifths of mamploxed people received upunemployed people received un-employment benefit, Mr Orme said.

He added: "The remainder the cases in the Sproat of

sick and refuse to go on duty. We hope that the Government will concede we have a just claim and avoid a tragedy."

The federation's executive,

which in trade union terms is regarded as moderate, is being bombarded with demands from

forces all over the country to press for a change in its con-

scitution that would give the

police the rights to strike and to affiliate with the TUC.

There are now signs, how-

dossier will be investigated, but the special exercise has cost us a lot of money, about £10,000 to £15,000. We carnot continue this exercise indefinitely."

Mr Sproat said he was "abso-lutely horrified" that letters sent to him in confidence had been passed on to the press. It was constitutionally improper. He said he would continue his campaign. He thought the investigations were a whitewash. He had had floods of letters expressing the same view. The statistics offered in the first report were "slippery" and typical of the way the department ried to avoid prosecuting people.

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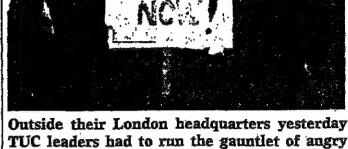
Mr Sproat cited a case where he had alleged that a man receiving unemployment benefit had been working in a public house. The allegation had been substantiated but the depart. substantiated, but the department had not prosecuted be-cause the man was paid in

# Obscene telex message led to £30 fine

The £5,000-a-year managing director of a steel company decided to send a funny decided to send a funny message to a former purmer with whom he had had business disagreements, magistrates at Walsall, West Midlands, were told yesterday. After pre-Christmas drinks with another steel company director he sent a message over their teles machine.

Mr Rees, Home Secretary, has told the federation several times that to grant the £6, demand would be in breach of the pay code. The police, however, cite the case of the seamen, who were granted a pay increase last year with fringe Among other things, mostly Among other things, mostly obscene, his message read: "I hope you die over Christmas and nobody collects for you." Stuart Royston James McGleish, aged 30, of Wrekin Avenue, Newport, Salop, who pleaded guilty to sending a grossly offensive, obscene, indecent and menacing message by the public teles service was increase last year with fringe benefits after they had threatened to call a national by the public telex service, was fined £30.

Mr Gerald Challoner, for the police with a "watered com-police with a "watered com-charge", as one official avert a head-on clash with the police with a watered down defence, said: "This was done with the full knowledge that there would be no lady opera-tors on duty at either end."



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### old-age pensioners campaigning for higher pensions.

### Animals rescued | Firms in Sunday in flooded zoo

Firemen pumped a foot of floodwater from cages in a 200 at Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, yesterday, to save a number of animals, including a lion,

two pumss and a riger.

Their cages had been flooded by 12 hours' continuous rain and it was feared that they would catch pneumonia.

post appeal The Mail Users' Association,

which represents the Post Office's commercial customers, has asked it to resume a limited postal collection on Sundays, which was halted last May for a year experimentally at an estimated saving of about £8m. The Post Office is unlikely to make any decision until the experiment is complete,

### NHS mental health care is criticized

By our Health Services Correspondent
The National Health Sorvice

does not meet the needs of the community, particularly in mental health, where even minimum standards have not been reached, the Royal College of Psychiatrists said yesterday.

There are severe deficiencies in services for the acutely dis-turbed mentally handicapped and the elderly demented, the college says in evidence to the Royal Commission on the National Health Service.

The suggested provision of 21 to 3 beds a thousand for old people who might suffer from severe dementia should be re-garded as the minimum rather than the ideal. A tenth of those over 65 suffered from dementia and it was expected that in the next 20 years the proportion of people over 75 who were particularly liable to the condition would increase by a quarter.
While it was desirable that they spend as much time as possible in their own homes at east a fifth were unfit to do

-The college says it is gravely concerned about the large pro-portion of unqualified staff, who supplement the comparae of the large tively small number of quali-opinion that fied nurses in most mental

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of secret com-weeks of media coverage and works of the speculation, and the usual ad Preservation moving around of prisoners, of Prisoners would ensure that news of the the country", Mr Fitzgerald

The organization claimed to be in daily contact with every big British prison, which it was, but not through the underground links imagined. It used the media to transmit its messages and the replies came

messages and the replies came out of the prisons through smuggled letters.

On July 21 every national daily newspaper, many local and evening papers and every news broadcast on television and radio carried the date of the first national prison strike in Britain.

seen, and heard so much of the national strike that they thought it had had Home Office approval, and so the whole prison joined in the protest." Prisoners in Revolt (Pelkan paper-back, £1).

# author says

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Some reporters e Prop organ-information eported secret with the inside. livulged, there divulge, but it Britain.

"By the time the day arrived", Mr Fitzgerald says, prisoners at Durham had read.

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### escribes | Channel Islands fear increase in anclear pollution

The Home Office is carefully considering possible dangers to the Channel Islands because of increased French nuclear \* vity on the Cotenin penins -- a, near by, Guernsey's parliament was assured yester-

It was disclosed that last October the Home Office was old of public concern and uncase in Guernsey, and was

uncase in Guernsey, and was asked to assess the risk.

Jersey made a similar request in December and yesterday Mr Michael Beaumont, the Seigneur of Sark, asked for that island to be associated with the others.

Jince the early 1960s a French plutonium reprocessing plant has been in operation at C.: La Hague within sight of Alderney, and on occasions,

Alderney, and on occasions, most of the other islands.
Recently there have been reports that the plant's capacity is to be increased to cope with auditional nuclear waste, including some from language. is to be increased to copy what additional nuclear waste, including some from Japan. There are also plans for a French nuclear-powered electricity plant to be built at Flamanville near by.

Flamanville near by.

Islanders' fears about possible
'intamination were increased
by a prolonged strike by prodiction workers over safety
measures at La Hague last
year, and by recent reports
and visits from Crilan, the antiaclear movement in lower
Normandy. The movement
describes La Hague as "Windstate run wild".

### Bone-marrow boy

Anthony Nolan, aged five, who has a bone-marrow disease was said to be making satis-factory progress in Canterbury Hospital yesterday, after drop-ping a bowl on his foot at his home near Ashford.

# So much more to enjoyat 4-



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LOW TO MIDDLE TAR GROUP As defined in H.M. Government Tables. EVERY PACKET CARRIES A GOVERNMENT HEALTH WARNING The education debate 2: More needs to be heard of the views of the consumers

# TUC-Labour plan to put union men on council committees

By Christopher Thomas Labour Reporter

Plans to give trade union representatives an opportunity to influence the decisions of local authorities were published resterday in a joint working party statement by the TUC and the Labour Party.

It draws attention to what it calls the special problems of introducing industrial demo-cracy into local government because of the election processes and the representative nature of councils. Nevertheless it recommends worker-involve-

ment.
The main proposal is that employee representatives should constitute up to a fifth of each council committee, with a minimum of two representatives. They would not be allowed to vote, but would bring their special knowledge as local authority employees to bear on com-mittee decisions, the statement

It recommends that workers should be allowed to stand for election to the council that employs them, and says that legislation along those lines is very much overdue. The TUC and the Labour Party would be seeking a joint meeting with the Secretary of State. for the Environment for an unequivocal commitment from the Government.

The working party was set up by the TUC local government committee and the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party. The chairman was Mr Geoffrey Drain, general secretary of the National and Local Covernment. Sovernment Officers' Association (Nalgo).

The joint statement says the cooption of teachers, with vot-ing rights, on to education committees should be maintained as now. Workers should have voting rights on lowerlevel groups such as the managing and governing bodies of schools and colleges. They would be drawn from and elec-ted by members of recognized

Labour Party have already put that idea to the Taylor com-mittee, which is investigating the government and management of schools.

In addition to participation in committee work, the report says, it is important that industrial democracy should operate within council departments. It suggests a formal system of committees, involving staff at all levels in the management of their departments. Meetings would be attended by the chairman of the relevant coun-

working party recom-that consideration should be given as to how, departmental level, employees can best play their part in jointly determining how the services in which they are directly involved operate.
It emphasizes that the work-

ing party's intention was to

employees to be engaged in the discussion of matters of import-

ance to staff before a decision is taken at committee level. As

examples it cites proposed changes in work practice; changes in staff levels; a trans-

have a positive and valuable contribution to make to the working of the school or the education department. Similarly

rent collector could provide
wealth of information to a

It might be argued that there

was no guarantee that the em-ployees' views would influence decisions. But those views were

housing department."

cil committee and the chief

Tuesday showed a poor score of 24.4 per cent. Correct as the result may be to the decimal point, it does not explain that Miranda began devise procedures that would not disturb the wider demo-cratic nature of local governwith modern mathematics and cuisenaire rods at a primary school near Barrow-in-Furness. ment, and says its proposals would make it possible for After an interlude at Winder-mere, where she was taughr traditional addition and sub-

Harrogate

Miranda Corder, aged 16, and she feels a little sick. William

has moved from school to

First she went through it

for a year as a comprehension

exercise at a private school in

Kirkby Lonsdale. She read it

again as a set book at a com-

prehensive school in Keighley. This year, it is a gateway to the classics at Granby High School,

She is reflecting ruefully, too, this week on the effect her father's nomadic life as an en-

gineer has had on her learning

of mathematics in the six

schools she has attended. Her

mock examination result on

traction she moved when she was 13 to Kirby Lonsdale, and back to modern mathematics. At the age of 14 she Mention Lord of the Flies to reverted to traditional teaching at Keighley, and for the last year she has been studying for Golding's novel has featured prominently on her English syllabus for three years as she her Certificate of Secondary

Education, in the modern way. Miranda typifies much of what the great debate on educarion, which today moves to its second regional conference Bradford, is all abour.

Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science. who has referred to the increasing mobility of families, is now asking how far can we afford to continue with a decentralized educational system in which every head teacher can decide what should be taught, except for the statutory amount of

religious education.

This week I have visited three schools: Granby, a large comprehensive with more than two thousand pupils, in Harrogate; Upper Nidderdale, a small, former secondary modern school of 320 pupils, in the village of Pateley Bridge, a dozen miles away; and Rise-dale, a thousand-pupil school where half the children are

from highly mobile army families at Catterick Camp, in

which the school is situated.

united front for the following: 1. A single examination at 15-plus ser by a national examination board, with marks based more on the assessment of work done over a two-year course than only on the results of a 25 hour examina-

2. Freedom for children to choose their courses, except for mathema-tics and English, which should be compulsory until the age of 16. 3. The abolition of statutorily compalsory religious education for children over the age of 14.

Helen Moncrieff, who has attended nine schools in years, has just moved to Risedale from an army school at Corsham, Wiltshire, abandoning an integrated course that included European studies and the humanities to take up a traditional timetable where French is French and history is history.

She can be forgiven for being rather muddled as to which board and which examination elie is facing at any particular moment. There are after all eight CSE boards and six GCE ones, and there are many dif-ferent examination methods in

Each of the three schools visited had different groupings of compulsory subjects. None

More than 30 children of kept religious education as a widely differing interests and compulsor; subject in the way abilities, have shown a fairly envisaged by the 1544 Education of the children of the chil

uon Art. Upper Midderdale has just introduced a system of compulsory options, where pupils at the age of 14 must choose four subjects of four lessons each a week. One must be from a science group, one from a craft group and one each from a humanity and modern language group. The pupils seemed to

like the arrangement. The system of allowing 14year-olds to choose the greater part of their school work seems to work better at Granby, where the children more freely make their own choices, then at Risedale, where many follow their teachers' recommendations. At Risedale, however, there

were quite a few pupils like Susan Smith who had dropped all science subjects. She said: Only when you have reached a certain standard do teachers recommend you to continue. I am beginning to regret drop-ping science. I was hopeless at physics and chemistry, but w I think I am going to need

a compulsory subject and as a result its pupils know a great deal about work in local in-

Nomadic pupils prove case for centralized curriculum aged 17, said the emphasis at Granby was more on professional careers after university and polytechnic.

He said: "I could not tell you the first thing about indus-try, except that there are a lot people on strike all the time, My dad, who works as a company salesman, tells me to keep our of industry and to become my own boss if I can.

More pupils were in favour of keeping physical education (PE) as a compulsory subject than religious education (RE), although Tim Martland thought is should be up to the teacher to decide whether a pupil was so bad that he or she should be relieved from being an embar-rassment to the rest of the class.

All the Yorkshire pupils agreed that the Joint Matriculation Board's proposed new types of single examinations at 16-plus—a mixture of CSE and GCE—which are still being considered by the Government, were the best and the fairest. Their views on that came out

loudest and clearest.
It is a pity that, with the second of the eight regional depates about to start, the con-sumers of education have had such a little say.

Maths gulis police for teach fix see prolists 171 stages

Wiltshire County today publishes a curriculum for teachi matics to children age 5 and 13 in its 377 sch More than a teachers have cooper project lasing .18 m

create the guide. The curriculum possible steps in developing understar mathematics It starts sorting of blocks of shapes and progresse step to topics such taneous equations an

metric ratios. The Prime Minister parents and grandpar-fear that children are taught the basic skill reassured to learn honour in the new or

Solicitor to struck off:

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Cheveland polite have [1] 21 ced that there will be cution after their ing affairs at Teesside High Of a for Girls, at Eaglesdiff

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advice had been receive the Director of Publications it had been decide would be no prosecution.

Mr Harold Lever, MP (left), and Lord Macpherson of Drumochter (both wearing spectacles) competing in the third annual bridge contest between the Lords and the Commons yesterday, watched by (left to right) Mr Omar Sharif, the actor, Mrs Rixi Marcus, women's world bridge

# Pav restraint | Nalgo ban still finding little favour

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

In a day of mounting pressure on the social contract the TUC General Council yesterday deleted some important Trea-sury thinking from its own preparation for tomorrow's talks on the Budget with the Chancellor. At the suggestion of Mr Clive

Jenkins and other left-wingers, the review, which forms the basis of union artifudes towards the economy over the next year. now declines to accept government figures for the fall in living standards due to wage restraint, and the likely level of inflation in 1977.

And while the general coun-

cil was arguing the merits of keeping its options entirely open on a third phase of pay restraint, Mr Joe Wade, the craft printworkers' leader, was pronouncing the social contract

In his union's journal, Print. Mr Wade, general secretary of the National Graphical Association, savs: "It wasn't the unious that killed it. It was the Government." Unions had entered into the contract with assurances that pay restraint would help to defeat inflation, restore confidence in the pound, reduce un-employment and create a stable base for expansion of the economy and keeping prices

"In spite of support from the whole trade union movement on an unprecedented scale, he says "none of these objectives have been achieved."

Opposition to continuing pay restraint also came from a less restraint also carde from a less prédictable quarter yesterday: the traditionally non-militant Confederation of Health Service Employees, which has just recruited its 200,000th member. The 28 members of the union's executive voted two to one against endorsing a resolution recognizing the need for a third phase of the social contract.

Those manifestations of opposition to a further round of light pay curbs fuel the growing disenchantment with the social contract. The amendments to the Economic Review are not, in themselves, of great importance, but the support of such figures as Mr Scanlon, of the engineering workers, for the left's move to reject Tressury assessments on the economy is of significance.

### Mercury danger in dentistry A team from Glasgow Uni-

versity is to study health risks faced by dental staff when they are exposed to potentially fatal mercury vapours. Mercury is an essential component in the preparation of dental fill-

ings.

The study team, led by Professor John Lenihan, will ask dental staff to supply samples of their hair and nails for

### Tories may adopt former Liberal

The executive council of Cardigan Conservative Association is recommending members to adopt as their candidate Mr Emlyn Thomas, aged 53, a for-mer secretary of the Welsh Liberal Party.

caused by fireworks last year, Mr Fraser, Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Pro-At the last general election Cardigan was held by Mr Ger-aint Howells for the Liberals with a majority of 2,410 in a four-cornered contest.

# will spare local voting

will not be affected by a national overtime ban from April 1 by the National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo), it emerged

mittee is recommending that work for returning officers ducing the elections should not be regarded as overtime. advice was drawn up after prolonged consideration of the implications of the ban on electoral registration and poli-

electoral registration work over standard working period should be regarded as over-

given discretion not to operate the ban, which is over cuts in jobs and services, if there is a danger to life and limb or property. Staff such as committee clerks can work in the evening as part of their contracts of service so lon gas they take time off in ket; the union

says. The Scottish TUC has decided

The union's emergency com-

to sponsor a national demonstra-tion in Glasgow to coincide with a one-day strike by Naigo on March 9, and is calling on all unions to take part. Several unions have already decided to back the strike.

# only one of the elements that should enter into the formulation of policy. By Our Labour Reporter

ing duties.
However, the committee is recommending that preparatory

Union branches are to be

# Bulock critticized, page 18

The Local elections in May

yenterday.

### Fewer took fer of manpower resources; and general policy implementation. It continues: "The school secretary, caretaler, or welfare assistant, as well as the teacher, have assistant, as well as the teacher. holidays in 1976, but more spent By Patricia Tisdall Because of the squeeze or

discretionary spending and higher holiday prices three million fewer holidays were taken away from home last year than the year before.

A survey by the British Tourist Authority shows that just under 45 million holidays of four nights or more were taken by Britons in 1976, com-pared with 48 million in 1975. Trade estimates for this year are that there will be a further decline in holidays

Expenditure on holidays, however, rose last year by £320m to £2,670m. Of that, £1,210m was

spent on holidays abroad, a rise of £130m. Of the 45 million total holidays taken by Britons, 7,500,000, or just over 16 per cent, were spent abroad. The West Country continues

to be the most popular destina-tion for British people (24 per cent of holidays). Wales, the South-east and Scotland were next in order of popularity.

Spain was by far the most popular oversess destination for holidaymaking Britons lest year, as in previous years, attracting a 14 per cent share of the rotal France came second, with 11 per cent, followed by Haly, 8 per cent, and Greece, 6 per cent. Europe attracted 82 per cent of all holidays abroad last year.

Just over half the Britons who chose foreign holidays preferred inclusive packages. The rest of the holidays were split between those organized independently, 42 per cent, and cruises, 2 per

Average total expenditure a person holidaying in Britain was £39, an increase of £7, or 22 per cent, on the previous year. Average total expenditure a person on holidays abroad last year was £162, also 22 per cent up on the 1975 average.

Cliff-fall death

Simon Rolfe, aged 17, a member of a school party from Warlingham, Surrey, who was injured in a rock fall at Lulworth Cove, Dorset, on Sunday, died in Weymouth and District Hospital yesterday.



champion, and Mr Peter Jay, Economics Editor of "The Times". Diary, page 14.

# Seven prisoners in every 100 allowed out on parole return to jail

An average of seven prison-ers out of every 100 released on parole return to prison while on licence, a Home Office research team announced yester-

"Any system of discretionary sarly release from prison obviously involves some risk to the public", it said. "This study has shown that the risk was small during the first two years of the parole scheme, in terms both of the proportion of parolees coming to adverse notice and of the type of behaviour which led to it. Since then, with a rather more liberal

on licence, at least as measured by the rate of recall, has become slightly more frequent, but still remains at an encouragingly low level."

Between 1968 when the parole system was introduced, and 1975, authorities in England and Wales considered 71,000 cases for early release from prison but six thousand other cases were not considered because the inmates concerned refused to be

Among the explanations given by some of the men who opted out were: did not think they would get parole; did not want

the "aggravation" of the selection process: did not want to cooperate with the staff or the authorities to get parole; did not want supervision on licence; disapproved of the way the scheme was run; felt they would offend again if released; the police would harass them and ensure their recall; were going to save parole for a longer sen-tence; would be penalized by the courts if they failed while on parole; applying for parole would suggest they were not

### Appeal against dismissa by BBC is rejected

A Portuguese programme assistant who was dismissed from thte BBC's external services department for "lapses" in professional conduct " has: had his appeal against dismissal rejected by an industrial tri-bunal in London.

The decision is expected to be announced officially today, bur Senhor Jorge Ribeiro has been told that the tribunal does not believe he was unfairly disinnocent.

Parole in England and Wales. A
Home Office Research Unit
Report (Stationery Office; £1.75).

The dismissals took 1975 after complaints Commons that the BB guese service was disp pro-communist line in broadcasts. The BBC seven lapses, mainly in laughter during transmit political comments on t Both men appealed w --

fully against dismissal, Mr Gerard Mansell, n director of external bi ing, and then to Sir Curran, Director-Genera

### Liberals ready to support list system for direct European elections

By Our Political Editor

When Mr Calleghan and the Cebiner meet at 10 Downing Street on Friday to resolve the difficulties of holding direct elections for the European Parthe will have to decide whether to abandon United Kingdom electoral practice and adapt the list system that operates widely in the EEC countries. Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, told me that he and his

12 colleagues in the Commons have already decided that they

would accept the list system and that it was practicable for all other British parties. He accepted that at first sight the system might be condomned as undemocratic and untraditional, but added that in 1982, at the end of the four-year term, the United Kingdom would have to adopt a uniform method of elections to the European Parliament that might include the list system and pro-

portional representation. " The way we should get over the undemocratic power of party central headquarters to nominate from a list 9, Mr Steel said, "would be to have our alections own internal primary elections, on the model of the leadership election last year. That would remove much of the objection to a national list convoked by

"We should further consider whether the Liberal list should be put on a regional basis. We should try to operate an

Only 685 people had to be

treated in hospital for injuries

Firework injuries

internal party system that would satisfy the party in spite of the undemocratic element inherent in the list system." date in both parliaments begins to be visible. The health of some MPs has already suffered, and there is a strong argument

Unless the list system is adopted, or at any rate cauvassed by the Government in a White Paper, there must be increasing upncertainty whether it will be possible for Mr Callaghan to fulfil his undertaking at the last summit of the Nine to make the 1978 dead. Nine to make the 1978 dead-line. France, Denmark and the United Kingdom were the EEC countries in which some difficulty was expected, but the French and the Danes have already shown that where there is a Europeanist will there is

Mr Callaghan would easily bear the odium of being the Nine's one head of govern-ment who had failed to deliver an undertaking o nihe due date. It is important, because the agreement is that all the nine countries should hace simultaneous direct elections next If the United Kinedom

becomes the obstaclie to direct elections it mesas that there will be a continuance of nominated delegations in the European Parliament; and in a day of minority government that is a heavy burden at West-

Delegates are repeatedly being flown back from Stras-Luxembourg bourg, Brussels to vote in right divi-sions, and the physical strain on MPs who serve a dual man-

Five councils to

raise rates The following rate rises have been fixed or recommended: .. for Prices and Consumer Pro-tection, said yesterday. The figure has fallen steadily since records were first kept in 1968, when 2,627 people were treated. Wilsthrire 62p, up 10p. Lewisham 59,63p, up 7,16p. Havering 68p up 8p. Backney 52,2p, up 3p. Richmond 62p, up 3p.

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One of the main objections to the Continental list system of direct election, of course, is that European MPs in the United Kingdom would have no geographical constituencies, and their loyalty would lie to party managers and patrons rather than to the voters. On the other hand the list system would pro-vide a rough form of propor-tional representation, in as much as each party's national vote would entitle it to a share of the 81 United Kingdom seats

Strasbourg. No doubt that is part of the attraction of the system for Mr Steel and the Liberals, who, on a first-past-the-post election, might win only one European The list system would also

remove some of the difficulties of financing direct elections in the United Kingdom. All the groups in the European Parlia-ment will benefit from an allocation of election campaign funds from the parliamentary budget, and the European Com-mission is to spend a large sum throughout the Nine in a neutral publicity campaign. Beyond that, Westminster Beyond that, Westminster would have to vote money for the running of the election, as in ordinary parliamentary election campaigns and as for the European referendum in June,

### Two killed in crash

Mr Hugh Keegan, aged 24, and Mr Arthur Deacon, aged 36, both of Middle Blainslie, Galashiels, Borders, were killed yesterday when the car in which they were travelling was in they were travelling was in collision with a lorry on black ice near Earlston.

### Councils said to be confused about homeless

By Penny Symon The needs of young homeless people are not being met he cause statutory agencies are not clear about their responsibility towards them, according to a report published today by the Campaign for the Homeless and

Rootless (Char). The report is published at a time when voluntary agencies trying to relieve the plight of the young homeless have been told by the Government that financial help is not available. It has been made clear to them that the Government does not put that group high on its list of priorities,

The campaign's report, which was financed by the Department of the Environment, says that social service and probation departments were asked to indi-cate the situation in different parts of the country. Replies were received from

only about half and many were evasive. The report says that the responsibility of social service and probation departments is not clear. They tend to conduties are more well defined. It recommends that young, homeless people should be made the responsibility of local authorities, whose role would be to provide not merely housing but a total service

including advice on finding accommodation and improving the use made of existing housing stock. That could be done, the report suggests, by council tenants taking in lodgers by using mobile homes and shortlife property, which would pro-vide immediate and cheap there was no mountain. housing and multiple-occupa-

Needs and Provisions for Young Single Homeless People (Char. 27 Endell Street, London, WC2;

tion.

# Farmers are increasing pressure on the Minister

# Agriculture to get rid of the 'green pound' Putting the blame on Irish beef importarms factor

Agricultural Correspondent Complaints by British tarmers about imports of Irish beef and ominous talk of renewed demonstrations at ports are carefully aimed shots in the campaign for higher agricultural prices. Those who blame Irish beef exporters for keeping down cattle prices in Complaints by British farmers ing down cattle prices in Britain are really stalking a much wilier prey.

The target is Mr Silkin, Minister or Agriculture, Fisher-ies and Food, who wants curbs on the support prices that farmers win from the EEC. There are many reasons why beef prices have been static this year instead of rising to their usual spring peak. One their usual spring peak. One is that with British prices of roasting joints at more than £1 a pound shoppers are nurning more to pork and bacon than they did in 1976.

Farmers resent Mr Silkin's refusal to bow to pressure from them and the European Com-mission for devaluation of the " green pound", the device with which EEC farm prices are expressed in sterling. British farmers are using the Irish tactic because it has served them well before.

When cattle prices fell sharply in 1974 the Government refused to invoke support offered by the EEC for fear of producing a British beef mountain. Farmers picketed English and Welsh ports through which Irish cattle arrived, the Government supported the beef market and

The reason for British farmers' use of Irish beef in their campaign about support prices this year must be sought pound, in the complexities of the green Disr

pound. Farmers say the phantom currency must be devalued so that they will receive more pound notes with which to finance investment and secure parity with other EEC producers in recovery of costs.

The British Corrects.

kept the green pound un-changed for 15 months so that food prices have been insulated against the increases that would otherwise have come from the fall in the exchange rate for sterling.

The Irish green pound has been devalued twice in the past six months. EEC rules say

that differences in farm prices between member states must be ironed out by levies and subsidies from Community funds. British farm prices are among the lowest in the Gom-nunity, so that the level of compensation paid to EEC suppliers of food to Britain is gh. When the Irish green pound is devalued support prices to Irish farmers go up; so does the level of compensation to Irish suppliers of beef to Britain. The Irish Livestock and

Meat Board said after the

January devaluation of the Irish gree pound: This should have the effect of con-

should have the effect of con-centrating supplies on the United Kingdom market, at least in the short term."

Mr R J. Williams, secretary of the Anglesey branch of the Farmers' Union of Wales, said:
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many EEC countries ht have a countries ht have been in the past year. Like the Irish Republic decline in its beef the cattle exports to Brillion. The British Government has January were more quarter below the January, 1976, while en beef were down by

tenth.

Imports of beef from
Holland, Denmark an
Germany together we
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me his brush with On the pretext of an eck. Mr Amairik was was detained for ninutes before being leave. Finding this comparable to what of the Soviet secret police (KGB), Mr Amalrik returned to the general area of the presidential palace where he declared that he would embark on a "symbolic hunger strike".

Fearing that his lone demonstration would "ather steam

stration would gather steam, the police brought in reinforcements and sealed of some areas around the palace while Mr Amalrik met the press about 109 vards away. "As represen-Amairix mer the press about 109 yards away. "As representative of the group for the surveillance of the Helsinki accords, I am determined that my demand to meet the President should be met", he invisted. "This demand has been turned down because M Giscard d'Estaing regards such a meeting as an interference in the affairs of the Soviet Union

Mr Amalrik went to to point out that the rights of man are part of international accords signed by both France and the Soviet Union and, as a result, could not be deemed "internal could not be deemed "internal nuestions". "France is the first country in Europe to have proclaimed the principle of the rights of man", he declared, "and I am convinced that the French people firmly believe in these principles."

Furthermore, with the politi-cal oot already simmering in France, M Giscard d'Estaing France. M Giscard d'Estaing finds there are few willing to come to his rescue in the dilemma caused by the Amalrik affair. Indeed, it was surprising that the only clear stand in support of his refusal to meet the Soviet dissident came from the Gaullists. In a state-ment, M yes Guena supported the Elysee view that the receive Mr Amairik would be tantamount to interference in Rus-

sia's internal affairs. Having focused attention on himself, Mr Amalrik has not minced his words in his widely quoted public utterances. In a front page interview with the Quotidien de Paris, boldly headlined "J'accuse", Mr Amalrik claimed that the Soviet Union wished to cultivate President Giscard d'Estaing as us "Trojan horse". This was the

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ring motorway, into a buge car

party has explained in reply to

the considerable scorn the pro-



A policeman reaching out to seize Mr Amalrik's placard as Soviet historian stood outside the Elysée. It reads: "Insist on application of the Helsinki accords."

essence of the four-page Brezh-nev message to the French President last week, he claimed. Although he gave no indica-tion of how long he would pur-sue his campaign in France, Mr Amalrik made it clear that, in any case, it would not stop there. He announced that he had sent another cable to Herr

Schmidt, the West German

far I have not had any response to this request for a meeting

Moscow, Feb 23.-The Soviet

Government newspaper Izvestia said today that the detention of M Amarik in Paris today was for "a crude violation of public order". In a brief report, it said Mr Amalrik was held by police outside the Elysée, but Chancellor, similar to that sent it did not tell readers who to M Giscard d'Estaing. "So was doing there.—Reuter. it did not tell readers what he

### Special treatment sought by Poles in EEC fish talks

From Michael Hornsby

Hard on the heels of its successful first round of nego-tiations with the Soviet Union. the EEC today began talks with Poland which will determine how much fish the Poles will be allowed to catch after March 31 within the 200-mile limits the Community has claimed since the beginning of the

For the period up to March 31, the Poles have been granted licences for five boats to fish for mackerel, haddock, halibut and saithe in the North Sea and Atlantic within catch quota of 3,025 tons. According to the Poles, this represents a 90 per cent reduction compared with their rate

of catch last year.

Opening for the EEC today
as acting President, Mr John Tomlinson, Under Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, told the Poles that the purpose of the agreement under negotiation was to "enable fishing to be regulated properly" and to "allow time for the necessary adjustments to be made".

This was a suppermistic way of saying that the most Poland

can hope for is a gradually phased withdrawal of its fish-

and the Atlantic. Unlike the Soviet Union, which has valuable cod stocks in the Barents

significance to offer EEC states.

able cod stocks in the Barents
Sea, the Poles have no
reciprocal fishing of any
significance to ofer EEC states.
Speaking for the Polish delegation, Mr Jerzy Olszewski,
Minister of Foreign Trade and
Maritime Economy, complained
about the suddenness of the
latest EEC measures. He said
that Poland had 40 hoars suitthat Poland had 40 boars suit able for fishing in the North Sea, and 90 per cent of them now faced redundancy.
Pleading for special treat-

Polish vessels had been fishing rousn vessels had been lishing in what were now EEC waters since the 1930s and had acquired traditional rights there. A drastic decline in the Polish fish catch would exacerbate problems of food supply and increase Poland's trade delicit with the EEC.

deficit with the EEC.

By all accounts, the EEC reaction to these entreaties was not overly sympathetic. A similarly firm line is likely to taken with the East Germans when talks open with them on a fishing agreement, possibly next week. The Polish negotia-tions will continue in Brussels

# **Doctors call for medical** reprieve in murder case

Paris, Feb 23

Seven specialists have been called in consultation to the bedside of Roland Agret, a garage mechanic who was sen-tenced in 1973 to 15 years in prison for instigating the murder of his employer. He has never ceased to protest his innocence and went on several prolonged hunger strikes to

obtain a retrial.
His condition has taken a sharp turn for the worse, and his life is regarded to be in

danger.

The Agret case has been regarded by a number of imellectuals as a possible miscarriage of justice and a committee of or justice and a committee of support, including several pro-minent writers and journalists, was set up to press his case with the Government. But the last of three successive requests

From Our Own Correspondent for a retrial, submitted by M Paris, Feb 23

Seven specialists have been last year, was turned down last called in consultation to the October by the Court de Cassation, the highest court of appeal.
Since the middle of March,

M Agret has gove on another hunger strike at the Baumettes prison in Marseilles where he is serving his sentence. He has refused to take any food and been kept alive by artificial

feeding.

Three days ago, the chief medical officer of the prison decided to call in the seven specialists in consultation. At their request, M Agret was transferred to hospital and sub-mitted to a variety of tests. Their verdicr was that his condition was "very alarming".

They have forwarded to the President a demand for a medical reprieve".

### Saar party pact

strains Bonn coalition

From Dan van det Var
Bona, Feb 23
The Free Democrats (FDP),
who share power in Bonn with
the Social Democrats (SPD),
today formed their second
coalition at state level with the
Christian Democrats (CDU).
The agreement betwen CDU
and FDP leaders in Saarland
is the second sign that the is the second sign that the FDP may change partners at federal level in the foreseeable

The Saarbrücken legislature has ben deadlocked since the last state election in 1975. Then the CDU lost its absolute majority in the 50-seat cham-ber, winning only 25 mandates. The SPD and FDP had committed themselves to a coalition in the event of jointly obtaining enough seats, but they too mustered a total of only 25. A serious attempt to resolve the deadlock began only after the federal election in October.

the federal election in October. Today, after 11 formal rounds of negotiation, agreement was reached. It is subject to approval by the CDU and FDP state party organizations.

Up to now, the CDU minority government has had to rely on toleration by the three FDP deputies to be able to rule. The new coalition formalizes this arrangement. The number of Cabinet sears is to go up by one to nine, and the FDF will be given two ministries.

be given two ministries. Saarland thus follows the precedent set by Lower Saxony at the turn of the year, when the CDU minority government in Hanover persuaded the FDP to join a coalition.

The Lower Saxony state elec-

tion in 1974 had given the SPD and FDP a joint majority over the CDU of one seat. Although the two parties had agreed on continuing their earlier coalition on obtaining a majority, unidentified defectors in the parliamentary parties saw to it that a CDU prime minister was elected.

The FDP, West Germany's small liberal party, is now facing both ways in state politics. It is in coalition with the SPD in North Rhine-Westphalia, Hesse and Hamburg, and with the CDU in Lower Saxony and Saarland. The CDU, now in opposition in Boun, and its Bayarian ally, the Christian Social Union, rule alone in four of the 10 states, while the SPD governs alone in Bremen. Although the FDP consis-tently denies that its arrange-

ments with other parties at state level have anything other than local significance, its new-found willingness to join the CDU in state legislatures must be seen as the writing on the wall for the SPD-FDP coalition at federal level, where the Gov-ernment has a majority of only 10. The coalition has now lasted seven years.

### Menten case minister is criticized

The Hagoue, Feb 23 Mr Andreas van Agt, the

Dutch Minister of Justice, was strongly criticized in the Dutch Parliament today during a debate on his handling of the case of Pieter Menten, aged 78, the Dutch businessman and art collector extradited by Switzer-land in December and now awaiting trial on war crimes charges.

Mr van Agt was criticized earlier in Parliament when Me Menten disappeared from his country villas hours before his arrest was ordered.

In today's debate the two largest parliamentary parties, the Socialists and the Liberals, announced that they would not insist on a motion of no confi dence. But spokesmen for both parties said they would have thought it logical if the minis-ter had resigned of his own accord.

Mr Menten is expected to go on trial between May and July for war crimes committed in part of Poland which is now part of Poland which is now Soviet territory. A delegation of court and Ministry of Justice officials have just returned from a three-week visit to Russia and Poland after studying the evidence available of the scene of the alleged crimes and questioning witnesses.

Mr Menten is at present in hospital in Holland's to psecurity jail in Scheveningen. He suffers from diabetes and there are fears that he may not live to face trial.

# Soviet attack on Nato armaments

General of the Army Jevgeni Ivanovski, commander of Soviet forces in Germany and a memthe Soviet Union was compelled to increase its defence potential and the combat power

Soviet soldiers and officers and East European diplomats attended a wreath-laying ceremony at the Soviet memorial in the

the East German border guard along the 103-mile Berlin border has been increased from 11,000 to 14,000 men. Its equipment has been brought up to modern Warsaw Pact standards and includes amphibious equipment, according to allied sources. It make the East German border force equivalent to a Soviet light mechanized division with

and East Germany, and between the two parts of the city. They are clearly visible from the Sioux, one of the four British helicopters which are soon to be

patrols the border every day,

work on the fences goes on and an occasional patrol can be spotted. Berlin, Feb 23.—East German army sappers today began work on a final 100-yard section of the new wall dividing East and West Berlin.

The new higher wall has re-placed the old concrete and cement one built during the 1960s to stop the flow of refugees to the west.—Reuter. Moscow: Marshal Dimitri Ustinov, the Soviet Defence Minister, said today that the Soviet Union spent only what is necessary on arms.

In his annual address to mark the Armed Forces Day, he said "Our state is forced to perfect its defence in the face of the permanent military threat" by

"We are spending only what is necessary to supply the Army and the fleet with the modern weaponry the imperialists will

OVERSEAS.

# Refugees say tents in Palestine preferable to misery of Lebanon

From Robert Fisk Beirut, Feb 23 "We have to return to Palestine. I don't want to stay here because everyone is kicking us around. They don't want us here." is Mrs Subhea

"Here" is Mrs Subhea Kassen's home at the northern end of the Palestinian refugee camp at Sabra, a place of poverty and teeming refugees on the airport road outside Beirur. It comprises one large Beirut. It comprises one large room without heating or gas or electricity, half the floor space is covered in unmade beds and an old sofa, and the only illustrations on the wall are of the three sons Mrs Kassem lost during the Lebanese civil war.

"We want to go back to Palestine even if it means living in tents", Mrs Kassem says quickly and loudly. "It's much better than the sort of life we are leading here."

She reaches down to the un-derskirt of the sofa to reveal that it rests on bricks. "You can see with your own eyes", she says. "We are sitting on stones. We have no bedrooms. And if we can get a pound of mear one day for five Lebanese pounds (£1), we thank God if it is only six

It is difficult to know what Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, would have made of Mrs Kassen if he had dropped by at Sabra on his Middle East tour last used. He Middle East tour last week. He carefully avoided the road past the camp, but if he had come to Sabra, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) would surely have led him to Mrs Kassem's home—she is one of those refugees wo whom the PLO regularly takes visitors.

Most of the inhabitants of Sabra—not only those chosen by the PLO but others I

stopped at random in the muddy streets—talk in a kind of rhetorical political language which would suggest they had been indoctrinated were it not for the fact that 20 years or more of camp life (almoot two of them under constant shell-ing) blunts the kind of human romment that people might have a right to expect in a peaceful town or village.

Miss Farma Fayad, for instance, agreed to talk about stance, agreed to talk about Palestine when I walked up to her with my Palestinian guerrilla escort, although she was my choice of interviewee, not the PLO's. She is a dressmaker, aged 32, and lives in a hut-like room with mats on the

"We hope we will be able to "We hope we will be able to go to Palestine", she says, more slowly than Mrs Kassem.
"Although Lebanon is our country, everybody would like to go back to their original country. I was born in Pales-tine, but I came to Lebanon when Iwas four years old."

Mrs Saba Ibrahim lives in better circumstances with her three children and busband on the fourth floor of a tenement near the Sabra mosque. She is more sophisticated, at in the political sense, are probably going to have a peace settlement", she says, "not in the first half of this year, but in the second half. But it is going to be a peace which is not 100 per cent to our liking."

Mrs Ibrahim says her little boy is to become a commando for a new Palestine. Asked if she fears for his life, she repwithout hesitating: "It is an honour for me if my son dies for Palestine. It is a priv-

### Mr Arafat warns Arab leaders of Israel threat

From Our Own Correspondent Beirut, Feb 23

The continuing fighting in southern Lebanon between Palestiniao guerrillas and Lebanese Christians has prompted Mr Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), to add his cautious voice to those politicians predicting Israeli military azgression in the region.

In a telegrom to the heads of Arab states today, Mr Arafat asked for protection from "Israeli threats" in the border region where his Fatah guer-rilla fighters are still in action. He said that southern Lebanon should be one of the subjects discussed at the forthcom-ing Arab summit conference in Cairo although he is, in reality, far more concerned just now with the political threats to his organization.

The latest of these is the Arab states attempt to form a federation between the Jordanians and Palestinians as the first step towards the creation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank. It is for this reason that a PLO delegation travelled to Amman last night for talks with the Jordonians about the exact terms of such a consti-tutional link.

Publicly there was much oprimism expressed about this meeting and the PLO were given an official reception by the Jordanian Government the moment they reached the border post at Al Ramtha. If the discussions find some common received which is almost increase. ground, which is almost inevitable in view of the political and military pressures upon the Palentinians just now, Mr Amfat is likely to hold personal talks with King Husain in the

### **Palestinians** hold talks with Jordan

Amman, Feb 23.—A delega-tion of the Palestine Liberation Organization today continues its first talks with Jordan in seven

years.
In a three-hour meeting last night the team led by Mr Khaled al-Fahoum discussed with Mr Mudar Badran, the Jordanian Prime Minister, rela-tions between Jordan and the Palestinians, and the Middle East situation.

Foreign observers in Amman believe that any future Pales-tinian state will need close links with Jordan. They see the new discussions as a prerequisite to the setting up of such a state.

Mr Fahoum said last night that the atmosphere at the meeting had been good, and his delegation would meet Mr Bad-ran again today.

they had studied ways to sup-port Arabs in Israeli-occupied territory, bolster Arab unity and improve relations between Jordan and the Palestinians.— Reuter.

### **Greek Cypriots** welcome Carter envoy From Our Correspondent

From Our Correspondent
Nicosia, Feb 23
Mr Clark Clifford, the
United States presidential
envoy, generated opposite feelings among the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities
when he armined in Nicosi kish Cypriot communities when he arrived in Nicosia

yesterday on the last leg of his peacemaking tour of Greece, Turkey and Cyprus.

Most Greek Cypriots welcomed the Clifford mission, pinning great expectations on President Carter who, in their evaluation, has taken a more pro-Greek stand than his pre-

In contrast, Turkish Cypriots looked suspiciously at the American involvement. "We shall be unable to extend the traditional Turkish hospitality to Mr Clifford during his visit.", declared the Turkish Cypriot newspaper Zaman, published by Mr Rauf Denktash, the son of the Turkish Cypriot leader.

Mr Clifford reiterated on arrival that he was only on a fact-finding tour.

fact-finding tour, and was not carrying any plans for a settle-ment of the Cyprus problem.

### Cruise ship to visit Chinese port

From Our Correspondent Hongkong, Feb 23 For the first time since 1950 a foreign cruise ship will enter Chinese waters on Saturday carrying 300 tourists 30 miles up the Pearl river to Wham-poa, the historic opium port near Canton.

The 17,000-ton Danae, from The 17,000-ton Danae, from Genoa, will dock at Whampoa and the passengers, including 150 Americans, will be driven by bus 13 miles to Canton, where they will spend two nights. They will be escorted by English-speaking guides from the China Travel Service and their entertainment will include visits to a commune, dancing acrobatics and thearridancing, acrobatics and theatri-cal performances and a 16-course Cantonese dinner at a lakeside restaurant.

Bank head dismissed

Accra, Feb 23.—The Supreme Military Council has dismissed the deputy Governor of the Bank of Ghana after delays in settling national oil bills and a subsequent petrol shortage, the Ghana news agency said today.

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# ronment an issue in s mayoral election Own Correspondent entalists are going crucial role in the the Paris elections lains why all the n the mayoral connoke and pollution.

d the surge of concentration of the mayoral race against his Government coalition rival, M Michel d'Ornano, the Minister for list Rassemblement, losing ground in the past coul his "green plan" ple of weeks. His shock tactics
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d open spaces, and d, if he is elected, g with leading talists. He would no their represent-

and 20. According polls the environ-accounts for 8 or 9

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them are sympa-

eme left-wing Parti Juifié (PSU), how-

the considerable scora the pro-posal aroused, only when the overall transport problem had been solved. The "Periphéri-que" would be roofed over with cars parked on top, a plan also suggested by the Communist candidate for mayor, M Henri Fizbin, as part of his campaign against noise. of his campaign against noise. Meanwhile M Chirac, who until now has been regarded as

ple of weeks. His shock tracks are not to the liking of all Gaullists, including some of the party's elder statesmen, who are concerned about his increasingly right-wing image.

A straw in the wind is the decision of General de Benouwille, the right-hand man of M Marcel Dassault, the aircraft manufacturer, and a great provider of funds to the Gaullist Party, to rally to M d'Ornano

in the twelfth arrondissement.
But M Chirac may find some consolation from the statement of M Edgar Faure, the Presi-dent of the National Assembly tent, says that to dent of the National Assembly from "asphyxiation who was widely rumoured as a it is essential to possible compromise Governrrom aspnyxiation it is essential to ty to public rransprovide better contween the suburbs ity centre. He promayor of Pontarlier, and mean mayor of Pontarlier, and mean to remain to if the voters. over, to ban all pri-to remain so, if the voters com the capital, and agree", he said.

About 30 youths belonging to the Warriors of Christ the King used iron bars and bicycle

chains today to break up a meeting of striking Madrid

University professors, and at least two people were injured.

The youths shouted "Free

Sánchez Covisa " and " Free our

leader." Students ran from their

classes and grabbed bottles

from the university cafe to help

In another development, a spokesman for the Communist Party described the Govern-

ment's decision to refer the party's request for legal recog-nition to the Supreme Court as "discriminatory and unjusti-fied." He said "any attempt the back to the

to send the party back to the catacobs" was destined to fail.

been asked to rule on the legality of five other left-wing

decision will be made known by the end of March at the latest.

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The Supreme Court has also

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wives took 3' inquiry Sicily, Feb 23.—A is investigating alleat doctors and mid-Palermo hospital bribes to find beds in

wards for mothers in zations were made by at the hospital. The has formally warned rs and six midwives are under investigalay be charged

| New Russian radio jamming Copenhagen, Feb 23.—The Soviet Union is thought to be using a short-wave radio trans-

mitter 20 times more powerful than any previously known to jam western radio communica-rions, it was stated here today. Mr Borge Nielsen, the chief engineer of the Danish post and telegraph service, said he believed the transmitter was in the Ukraine .- Agence France. From Gretel Spitzer

ber of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee, wrote in Neues Deutschland to-day that in view of the situa-

of its troops.

The situation, he said, was characterized by "feverish militarist preparations of reactionary imperialist circles" and by Nato's speeding up the equipment of its troops with new improved types of arms and technical means of combat.

General Ivanovski's article was published to mark the was published to mark the fifty-ninth anniversary of the

Soviet Army. In West Berlin about 300 British sector. Within the past three years

an offensive potential.

There are 253 watch towers and observation platforms, 260 dog runs, 66 miles of trenches, 75 miles of fences with warning devices, and 76 miles of concrete patrol roads along the border between West Berlin and Face Cormany and between replaced by the faster and larger Gazelles. One of the British helicopters

weather permitting, from about 2,000ft. There is little evidence of the East German forces along the border. Some repair weather the into account. At the present time . . . the Army and the war fleet have sufficient military potential."—AP.

# Mr Smith plans to open up white farmland for purchase by Rhodesians of any colour

Salisbury, Feb 23

Mr Smith, the Rhodesian the removal of various forms of more so today. racially discriminatroy legisla-

tion.
The most dramatic measure is the proposed opening up of white and some African agricultural land for purchase by people of all races. This significant modification of the controversial Land Tenure Act, which divides the country equally between the quarter million whites and six million Africans, strikes at the very heart of the ruling Rhodesian Front's policies. However, it is accompanied by various checks new ones-might eventually be and balances that would appear open to "plural occupation".

to safeguard white interests.

In essence, Mr Smith has indicated his Government's belated acceptance of most of the proposals urged last April by the Quenet commission after its lengthy inquiry into racial dis-crimination. Several of the most important recommendations, inwere initially rejected by the Government. One measure proposed by the commission, a return to a common roll for yoters, was in to all races, African purchase land. The tribal trust land, accounting for 42 per cent, will remain reserved.

Although some of the measures to be adopted are Rhodesian contex, hey are far from radical given he accepance by Mr Smith on September 24, of th eintroduction of

review cooperation between the two countries, but it seems

certain the presidents will turn

No new peace initiative is

expected fro mthe talks. Since

the collapse of Mr £ Ivor Richard's mission last month, the "front line" leaders have

been waiting to hear whether Britisin and the United States

can produce any ne wsuggestions for resuming peace nego-

unification of the guerrilla

African People's Union (Zapu), led by Mr Joshua

the

present.

their attention to Rhodesia.

majority rule within two years. legislation would be introduced Last April all the African nationalist factions dismissed Prime Minister, announced in the Quener commission's pro-parliament today his Govern-ment's long awaited plans for will clearly regard them as even emergency regulations.

> In parliament today Mr Smith said the measures "under con-templation" would have "farreaching consequences in the social and economic life of our country". They would afford eloquent testimony to the Government's sincerity and honesty of purpose in tackling this vital

Health facilites and residential areas are to remain segregated although Mr Smith gave na ambiguous indication that some urban areas—apparently The introduction of such areas would be ",gradual and unhur-ried" and would be subject to the advice of local municipal authorities.

The land to be opened up for purchase by people of all races will be the 46.5 per cent at present owned by whites and

return to a common roll for voters, was ignored by Mr to ensure that the land was properly used and that it would not be subdivided by allowing The Covernment's squatters. The Government's intention was that agricultural land would continue to be properly utilized, whoever the owners were.

Rivalry between the Rhodesian guerrilla

The meeting between the two presidents takes pilce against a background of a con-

tinuing exodus of black stu-dents from Rhodesia to Bors-

wana and Zambia, where they

are being sent to guerrilla training camps. Well over 1,200 have left Rhodesia since the beginning of the month and

more are crossing the border

craft to ferry them to Zamhia. One of the aircraft which arrived yesterday carried only

On arrival in Lusaka they are transported by Zambian

CODICALUINE

forces likely topic in Zambia talks

While senior British and ing the Zapu and Zanu fight-American officials have been ing groups into one nationalist

meering in Washington to discuss a possible new initiative on Rhodesia, two of the African "front line" leaders, President Kaunda of Zambia and President Machel of awre the deep tribal and Mozambique, are to begin two days of talks temporrows at a the two groups. They are narri-

days of talks tomorrow at a the two groups. They are partigame lodge in the Luangwa cularly concerned that the 
National Park north-east of 
Lusaka.

Ostensibly the talks are to 
review cooperation between tation between them.

each day.

Of more immediate concern children arrived in Luraka to them, particularly to the from Francistown, in northern leaders of Zambia and Mozam. Botswana, during the past

bique, is the intensification of days. The Botswana Govern-the guerrilla war and the ment is using charmered air-

belonging to the Zimbabwe girls, aged between 12 and 18.

Knomo, operate from Zambia, Government lorries to a Zapu while those belonging to Mr camp at Nampundwe, about 40 miles west of the capital, for National Union (Zapu) are based in Mozambique.

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Recently, the Patriotic Front, their school uniforms, have a loose alliance between the neither baggage nor hand lug-

two organizations, established a gage. Journalists have been un-

forces

10 member coordinating com-mittee with the aim of bring-arrive or to visit their camp.

to achieve that and "should there be any security risk attacked, this will be dealt with

These provisos seem likely to provide checks on the ability of Africans to take over white farms.

Mr Smith said that racial restrictions imposed on hotels and other licensed premises would be removed "subject to the proprietors' right to reserve admission".

Listing, measures already being introduced, Mr Smith said that at schools multiracial sports and other social activities were now allowed at the discretion of the school councils and parent-teacher associations. and the restrictions on the proportion of African children at private schools to 6 per cent of the total intake had been

He said a change had been made in the ban on Africans patronizing licensed premises in white areas after 7 pm. As a result proprietors could "seek authority" for licensing hours to be extended for patrons.

The Rhodesian leader also listed various measures for the recruitment and training of Africana for the defeater and Africans for the defence and police forces, the judiciary, prison service and railways. One Rhodesian observer said the measures announced were "a good start" in white Rhodesian terms for removing racial discrimination, but they were unlikely to impress the

According to Zapu officials,

they will be kept at the camp until the organization's leaders, most of whom are still abroad,

decide what is to become of

them. Zapu claims that all the children have said they want to be trained as guerrillas, but that some of the younger ones

may be told to continue with

So far all the children have

been handed over to Zapu.

However, according to nationa-

list sources, some of them claim to be members of Zanu

and are demanding to be taken to Zanu camps in Mozambique.

There were unconfirmed reports that fighting had broken out between the two factions in the camp.

A meeting is understood to have taken place between Zapu and Zanu officials last night to

discuss the situation. Zanu is

concerned that all the children

fleeing to Botswana are auto

matically regarded as Zapu

of them are being press-gauged

establish a system which would

allow the young recruits to

choose between the two move-

President Kaunda, who has

had past experience of the

deadly infighting between the

nationalist groups, is clearly anxious to avoid a repetition of the violence that has taken place during the last two years in camps in Mozambique and

Tanzania as well as Zambia.

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their studies.



### Trust set up to mark royal tour From Dur Correspondent

Wellington, Feb 23

The size of the crowds which turned out to greet the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, suggests that this Silver Jubi-lee tour will prove even more popular than the previous royal visit in 1972. The royal couple began the second day of the New Zealand visit at Whangarei, in the far north, before flying to Hamilton, south of Auckland, the large provincial centre of Waikato, the rich dairy country.

Crowds crammed every van-tage point as the royal couple strolled through the main street at midday. Extra police were brought in to control the excited crowds but the spon-

Mr Vladimir Bukovsky, the

exiled Soviet dissident, told a

human rights committee here today that the fate of recently arrested dissidents in Russia, and of the Helsinki agreement

on détente, depended on the

reaction of Western countries.

fidently that the Soviet Union

has never intended to observe

the universal human rights

and personal rights, or . . . the Helsinki agreement And it

will not observe them unless

Western states and societies

firmly and systematically work towards their fulfilment."

dent upon the observance of civil rights agreements. "It is

Mr Bukovsky said trade and

He said: "One can say con-

Washington, Feb 23

**Fate of Soviet dissidents** 

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clear that a country which in all the east European coundoes not fulfil those agree- tries."

From Our Own Correspondent ments will easily break

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taneity of the occasion was preserved. Later the Queen watched taueity of the occasion was preserved.

Later the Queen watched three horse races at a meeting examples to show that any sufnearby and presented the Queen Elizabeth Gold Cup trophy to the representative of the American owner of one of the winning horses, called Good Lord. Back in Auckland tonight

the Queen and the Duke were entertained at a garden party at Government House. The Duke was later the guest speaker at a dinner marking the seventy-fifth convention of the New Zealand Employers'

At this dinner Mr Robert Muldoon, the Prime Minister, announced the setting up of an industrial relations trust to administer scholarships named after Prince Philip. The scholarships will support education training in industrial relations and research. Mr Muldoon said that the cabinet had approved the allocation of £20,000 a year and support was expected from the employers.

He went on to say that the

West must have patience.
"After some attempts which

have brought no results, you

easily let your arms drop and you despair. The Soviet Union,

knowing the West, certainly banks on such a reaction and,

Union also banked on support

from those who argued that the

"You must understand", he said, "that a new wave of repression in the Soviet Union

does not demonstrate strength, but the Soviet Union's fear in

the face of rising opposition from within the country and

this opposition, particularly in

view of the simultaneous un-precedented rise of opposition

West should not anger the

will stick to a bard line."

Soviet leaders.

ficiently determined group which was prepared to ignore any negative feedback, could come to dominate a society and deny personal liberty to the majority. Whether this was was immaterial.

Earlier today Mr Muldoon announced the establishment of the Queen Elizabeth II National Trust in commemoration of the Silver Jubilee visit. The trust would operate in an environmental area" to ensure that sufficient open space was provided for the needs of New Zealanders.

Mr Muldoon said that the trust's function would be to protect the character of the landscape and scenic values, and provide a variety of recreational opportunities. bership would be available to individuals, private organiza-tions and corporate bodies.

### Trudeau-Carter talks end on cordial note

Washington, Feb 23.--Mr Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, said today that his talks with President Carter had been "a genuine exchange of ideas". He found the meeting extremely congenial and the rapport frank and caudid. On the last day of his two-day visit. Mr Trudeau answered

questions at a press conference. From the standpoint of Canada, he said, there was a good start with the Carter Administration. In the past there had been close relations between the two countries. Both President Nixon and President Ford had been fair and equitable in dealing with Canada. So there was no backlog of problems to be solved.

Many of the questions dealt with the separatist movement in Quebec. Mr Trudeau repeated his belief that Canada will remain united .- AP.

# Mr Bhutto blamed figacy to si loss of E Pakistan shop fl

From Our Correspondent Rawalpindi, Feb 23

The Pakistan military commander who signed the surrender document that ended the Bangladesh war joined the battle today to defeat Mr Bhutto's Government in next month's elections.

General Amir Abdullah Khan Niazi, now retired from the Army, was once the most detes-ted man in the country, but he regained public sympathy after spending two years as a prisoner of war of the Indians. A crowd of about 100,000 people turned out in Lahore today to hear him speak on behalf of the Pakistan National Alliance, a combination of nine opposition

Without naming Mr Bhutto, General Niazi blamed the loss of East Pakistan on the failure of a politician who was not prepared to sit in opposition after the 1970 elections. Indeed it was Shaikh Mujib, the Awami League leader and champion of Bangladesh, not Mr Bhutto, who won a majority in that election. General Niazi, who virtually ruled Dacca in its last 10 months as part of Pakistan, said his suggestions for a political settlement had gone unheeded by

clared his readiness to f the last bullet and last but he had been order Rawalpindi to lay dov

The meeting was addressed by Begum Wali Khan, wife of the leader. Her husband, 1 president of the or National Awami Party, is trial before a special co charges of high treason. Meanwhile Air . 1. Asghar Khan, the form Force chief with whom ( Nizzi has been working recently, said in Kararchi this week that the respr. his meetings throughou. country showed that the tan National Alliance ha plete sway over public o but they were faced to

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If the result announce. the elections on March different from one evid his public meetings, he reject it and would "me situation ".

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### Republican wins in Minnesota

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Feb 23
A Republican has won sweeping victory in a special election for one of the Minnesota seats in the House of Representatives. The seat be-came vacant when Mr Bob Berland was appointed Secretary of Agriculture by President

Carter.
The district is a vast, sparselypopulated farming country and the Democratic candidate had worked for For Bergland in Washington. His opponent, Mr Arlan Strangeland, is a popular local farmer and voters apparently decided they preferred someone they knew. Mr Strangeland won by 70,000 to 40,000, with most of the votes counted last night.

The loss is something of a blow to Vice-President Mondale, a former Senator from Minne-sota,

### **Falklands** talks 'positive'

Edward Rowlands, Minis State at the Foreign Offic. today his two-day talks. with the Argentine Gover on the future of the Fa Islands were very consum "They were very good . positive", he added.

Mr Rowlands made his ment as he left the F Ministry for lunch wit -Argentine negotiating headed by Señor Gualter the Deputy Foreign Mini. Mr Rowland's visit, whicpreceded by a five-day n the Falklands, marked the official contact between !ting and Britain since reduced their diplometic ... sentation to charge d'a level a year ago.-Reute

# Moscow denial that Swisofficer was a spy

Moscow, Feb 23.-A Soviet Journal denied today that the former head of the Swiss air. defence. Brigadier Jean-Louis municare any spy dat-Jeanmaire, who is accused in Soviet representatives." Jeanmaire, who is accused in Switzerland of spying for Moscow, had ever passed secret information to the Soviet Union. The weekly Literary Gazette

said the Jeanmaire case was part of an international cam paign by the enemies of détente to discredit Soviet policy. It been fabricated by the West be so naive as to flaten hi German intelligence service.

Brigadier Jeanmaire, who was

in charge of Swiss air raid protection, was arrested last case. an evil-smelling August. He is due to appear Soviet campaigu". If was before a military tribunal of the links in a chain of secured of passing secret infort operations which are inspimation to Soviet diplomats in

The Literary Gazette a signed Boris Krymov. The article said Bri Jeanmaire did know a

military attaché in Switze named Colonel Deniserike official receptions, in cafe at each other's houses. But it asked: "What sp nexions with foreign in

The journal called the . various countries by the fu dérente ".-Reuter.

### Liberia and Sierra Leone on way to customs union

on the verge of forming a customs union. They have agreed on a common external tariff circulate freely within the for all but two imported items union. and are expected to put it into effect on April 1.

Fifteen nations, stretching from the Atlantic to Lake Chad, signed a treaty on May 28, 1975, which provides for creating a customs union over a 15-year period. Liberia and Sierra Leone can be seen as trail blazers for their partners within this grouping, the Economic Community of West African States. Details of the Liberia-Sierra

Leone agreement, are given in the March issue of New African Development. They show that each side had to make concessions. The Government in Freetown was concerned lest it lose substantial customs revenue while Monrovia feared that higher tariffs would alienate the public by forcing up prices.

On sugar the Union Customs Tariff (UCT) will be \$96 (£55) than the prevailing rates in the two countries. The duty on

Tokyo call to

scrap atom ship

Tokyo, Feb 23.—Several

hundred demonstrators demand-

ing that the 8,214-ton Mutsu,

Japan's only nuclear-powered

ship should be scrapped, pro-

telled today outside several

They included members of

the opposition Japan Socialist

Party, the General Council of

Trade Unions of Japan, and the

Juyan Congress against Atomic

Hydrogen Bombs. The

Mutsu was completed in 1972

but developed a radiation leak

u ring its first test cruise in

ministries in Tokyo.

the Pacific.—Reuter

y Simon Scott Plummer per cent in Sierra Leone and Liberia and Sierra Leone are at 11 per cent in Liberia, will be allowed in duty free. Once the UCT has been paid, imported goods will be allowed to

> The two countries have been unable to reach agreement on motor cars and tomato paste. Duty on cars in Sierra Leone rise to almost 200 per cent whereas Liberia has a flat rate of 28 per cent. Freetown was unwilling to diminish this source of revenue or to give way on the principle that luxury goods should be heavily taxed. Monrovia did not want to push the cost of imported American cars beyond the pockets of the middle class. On tomato paste, Sierra Leone dared not risk popular discontent by raising customs duty above the present level of 15 per cent (compared with 40 per cent in Liberia). Tomato

paste is widely used by Sierra Legneans as a dressing for rice Although the two countries Although the two tourseless have small economies and a combined population of only four to five million their joint they formed

Tariff (UCT) will be \$96 (£55) activities since they formed a ton and on tobacco, \$1.45 the Mano River Union in 1973 (about 85p) a ton, both greater have set an example for the rest of West Africa. They have shown that countries with dif-fering colonial experience and rice, one cent a kilo, lies befering colonial experience and
tween the current levels. Imports of crude oil, taxed at 40

ate to a considerable extent.

Soviet envoy to

Peking, Feb 23.-The latest

round of Sino-Soviet border

talks, which began in Peking

last November, appears to have

made little headway towards

solving the dispute, sources

Mr Leonid Hyichev, a deputy

Foreign Minister and Soviet

chief negotiator, is due to re-

turn to Moscow later this week

to accompany President Pod-

gorny on a journey to Africa.

The Chinese authorities were

said to regard the latest Soviet

proposals as containing nothing

new.-Agence France-Presse.

leave China

said here today.

# Fewer US officials will be allowed access to secrets

reduction from 40 to five in the number of officials with access to highly sensitive intelligence information.
Mr Carter's action followed

press reports last week that the Central Intelligence Agency paid millions of dollars to King Husain of Jordan and other foreign leaders over several foreign leaders over years, Senator Alan Cranston, a California Democrat, told reporters yesterday after congressional leaders met the President at the White House. The President also expressed concern that seven committees n Congress received sensitive intelligence data. He discussed the possibility of cutting this number but did not directly ask that this be done, Senator

Cranston said. He also said that Mr was concerned about the inability to keep secrets

Australians to

Mafia informer

Melbourne, Feb 23
Vincent Teress, a former
Mafia leader who turned FBI
informer, is to be deported
from Australia when the police
find him, Mrs Margaret Guilfoyle, Minister of Social
Security, told Parliament mday.
She said he did not give details
of his criminal past when he
obtained a visa in San Francisco last month.

Mr Teresa, known as Biz Vinnie, arrived in Sydney on Monday to give evidence be-fore an independent inquiry

into gambling in New South

Wales and appeared on tele-

vision to state a case against

Mr Neville Wran, Premier of New South Wales, told the state prliament yesterday that

Mr Teresa had entered Austra-lia using the names "Fontana" and "Santan". Mr Teresa com-plained afterwards that the Pre-mier had jeopardized his

had jeopardized

safety in revealing his identity.

Tre Mafia had put a price of

\$500.000 (nearly £300,000) on his head.

From Our Correspondent

Melbourne, Feb 23

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legalizing casinos.

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Washington, Feb 23.—President Carter has ordered a vities of the CIA following the reports about payments to various foreign leaders. In the past, Congress has complained that Presidents have

used the question of leaks to the press as an excuse for with-holding important information. Jordan has rejected the holding important information.
Jordan has rejected the
reports of payments to King
Husain, saying they contained
"incorrect information aimed
at distorting Jordan's reputation
and that of its leadership".
President Perez of Venezuela and the former Presidents of Mexico and Chile, Senor Luis Echeverria and Señor Eduardo Frei, yesterday denied reports that they had received pay-

> The former West German Chancellor, Herr Willy Brandt, has also denied receiving CIA money and has written to President Carter asking for an investigation.—Reuter.

### Crippled British yacht heads for Fremantle Perth, Feb 23.—The three

man crew of the British schooner Wave Walker are manning the pumps 24 hours a day in their crippled yacht as it moves down the Australian coast towards Freemantle.

The crews are trying to fol-low Captain James Cook's route to Australia, despite damage to the 69ft yacht. Mr Gordon Cook, the skipper, in a radio contact today said the Wave Walker was badly damaged and capsized after being struck by freak wave on January 2. He and two other crew mem-bers, Mr Laurie Bigil, aged 24, an American, and Mr Hecbert Sailor, aged 25, a Briton, made temporary repairs and left for Fremantle early last month.—

### Prisoner sought

Agana, Guam, Feb 23.— Police are hunting an escaped prisoner who in two weeks of freedom has exchanged shots with them in the streets and forced three motorists at gun-point to give him lifts.

# Mr Carter seems determined to strengthen the power of the Federal Government

# US Budget shows policy change

The Carter Administration's 1978 Budger proposals offer the first broad and significant guide to the distinct policy changes now being planned in Washington. The proposals may clarify the real dif-ferences between the Ford and Carter administrations, after an election campaign that emphasized contrasts of peremphasized contrasts of per-sonality rather than policy.

President Carter, judging from his Budget plans, has more faith than his predecessor in the Government's ability to manage vast programmes efficiently. He seems determined to strengthen the Government rather than share more power with state and local authorities. He is not concerned about weakening the free enterprise system by initiating government involvement in areas traditionally left to the private sector.

President Ford had sought.

to strengthen state and local government vis a vis Washington. He proposed the scrapping of many federal transportation, education, housing and health

ment with block cash grants to municipal governments. Presi-dent Carter's Budget calls for the maintenance, and in some cases the expansion, of these federal programmes and for the rejection of his predeces-sor's block grant concept.

Mr Ford was more concerned with the effects of inflation on middle-income earners than on the plight of the poor. He advocated tax cuts that would have bolstered the real incomes of the middle classes, but would have done little for those on low incomes, whose gains would have been largely offset by social security tax increases.

President Carter has rejected the proposal to raise social security taxes. He has pro-posed broad tax cuts for all, and special cash payments principally benefiting those on low incomes. These have been designed so that benefits will also be provided for those too poor to pay income tax. Mr Ford fervently believed

that many domestic social assistance programmes were wasteful. He betrayed a lack of

American society with proposale to reduce domestic assis ance programmes sharply and to veto legislation to expand these programmes. He also believed that the programmes enabled people to chest the Government, to avoid full-time employment and to prosper employment and to from government payments.

President Carter rejects wiews. His Budget

these views. His Budget expands programmes that aid the unemployed, while increasing spending to support a comprehensive child nutrition programme, extended benefits to students and armed services veterans, and health care for the poor and the aged. Mr Ford did little more than

pay lip service to the growing demands for improved govern ment efforts in the area of tration's concern is evident from its Budget proposals to increase appropriations to the civil rights division of the Department of Justice and

from its plan to establish a task-force to find ways to reduce sexual discrimination. The changes in policy are of substance and not just style.

### President's sol chosen as his successor'

Tokyo, Feb 23.—North has chosen Mr Kim Cho eldest son of President k. Sung, as his father's ev Sung, as his father's successor, the Japanese agency Kyodo reported to the father agency Kyodo Korean sources for a father father agency was been proceed to the father father father for the father f It quoted Korean sources saying the decision was mistained recently by the political of the central color tee of the (North) fine decision workers Party.

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Sung on April 15, or at a te comment Sung on April 13, convention expected late year.-Reuter.

Japanese satellite

Tanegashima, Japan, Traing Committee 23.—Japan roday launch care experimental satellite will eventually move in logically or a stationary orbit, making thing the third nation after the third nation after the Union to perform this fea

Rabies kills 20 Das es Salaam, Feb

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Twenty people have di
rabies in the Shinyanga of north central Tanzania September, officials said They said a total of 359 had been bitten by rabid 6 kg

# End of censorship boosts Indian press sales:

sales in India have boomed since the announcement of the general election last month and the lifting of press censorship.

The Indian Express has reported sales of its Deiai ediron more than doubled to 175,000 and is still going up at a rate of 5,000 copies a day. Its owner, Mr Ram Narh Goenka, who supports the opposition parties and is a per-sonal friend of Mr Jeyaprakush Narayan, one of their leaders, fought a long batrle last year

to prevent the Government from taking control of his

A spokesman said that the

total circulation of the Indian Express, which publishes in eight cires throughout the country, had increased from one million to 1,400,000 copies since January 18, when Mrs India Gandhi, the Prime Minister, announced the elec-

The Statesman, which also successfully fought off Govern ment pressures during the 13 months of censorship, has increased its sales in Delhi by half to about 50,000. Its main Calcutta edition has a circulation of close to 200,000.

The only newspaper to admit a fall in circulation is the staunchly pro-Government Hindustan Times, which sells

over most of northern India from Delhi.

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Indian Express reported a higher demand for their newspapers than they could readily

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Mr Bhutto RLIAMENT, February 23, 1977\_

# m the shop floor tors of industry was rightly the cause for concern. Worker participation at hoard level was not new to Western Europe. Most Countries had arrangements of one sort or another. Within the Community only Britain, Italy and ireland had none. There was in the Gorenment's view a well established movement in Western Lurope where worker participation on boards was seen as a natural and genuine extension of democratic principles into industrial malage.

principles into industrial management and as a logical part of the evolution of the mixed economy.

A great deal of concern had been

expressed in many quarters about the proposals in the Bullock majority report for the involve-ment of trade unions in the process of triggering the move to the

appointment of worker directors

Under the proposals it was for the union to trigger off the procedure and settle the arrangements for selecting the worker directors. This had been widely criticized on

the ground that it added greatly to the power of the unions and seemed to exclude employees who were not union members.

The Government acknowledged

that there was genuine and deeply felt anxiety about the Bullock

majority proposals in respect of the role of trade unions in indus

basis of agreement and consensus

and to adapt and build on to exist-ing practices and procedures where possible, they recognized that this was an area which would need careful thought.

It would figure largely in the

on substitutions of industry and the Government would do their best to reach agreement on the basis of sensible arrangements which would sensible arrangements which would be sensible arrangements which would be sensible arrangements.

The underlying aim was to estab-lish the right in law for employees to have representation at board

to have representation at board level.

This was not to say that they must seek to impose a rigid organizational framework on all major companies regardless of their circumstances or the particular field in which they operated. In many cases management and workers would initiate sensible and practical arrangements without the need to have recourse to the legal provi-

to have recourse to the legal provi

sions. The Government were con-vioced that this would not happen quickly or widely enough unless the right was written into the law.

They wanted to see provisions enacted based if possible on the broad agreement of both sides of

Viscount Watkinson (C), President

disappointment. A year had been wasted and the report had got it totally wrong in practical terms. This was why they had no option but to tell the Government that it was the view of their membership that they could not even discuss, much less connected in the immersi

much less cooperate in, the imposi-tion by law of trade union-nominated directors on to com-pany boards, or parity of repre-sentation between shareholder and trade union-nominated directors.

or a trade union monopoly of choosing the worker directors through the so-called joint repre-sentation committee. Even the report concluded that these three processes would lead to triction, difficulty and conflict within the

The CBJ felt that the report

side. A proper structure of partici-pation or partnership in industry had to start from the bottom.

The Government should study practical proposals for employee participation set out in the CBI policy document The Road to Re-

covery, containing legal backing enabling companies, large and small, to set up whatever methods of working together met their own

We are willing to work hard to

develop a broader concept of in-dustrial partnership because we believe it has much to contribute, not only to the efficiency of British industry, but to the wider job satisfaction of all those who work

in British industry.
We have wasted a veer on Bull-

ock. Let us now put this aside and try to find a practical, workable solution built up from the shop floor and fully involving the management and employees.

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### Scots and **Cornish** in mackerel dispute

A complaint was made during question time by Mr Douglas Henderson (East Aberdenshire, Scot Nat) that Scottish insbermen had had "appalling" fines levied on them in Cornwall where, he added, a local lishing officer had said he was "out to get the Scots". Mr David Penhaligon (T. uro, 1.) had asked if the Secretary of State for Scotland was satisfied with the development of the Scottish mackerel industry.

Mr Hugh Brown, Under Secretary, Scottish Office (Glasgow, Provan, Lab)—Last year there work sub-stantial increases both in landings and in first-hand sales for human consumption. It is too early to make a firm statement about 19?7. Mr Penhaligon—Gross ever-fishing off the coast by Scottish boars has occurred. Industrial techniques could lead to bankruptry of the Cornish mackerel industry as it has led to the bankruptcy of the Scot-tish herring industry.
Has be any powers to deal with this and would be use them? Mr Brown-I have always been told that Scottish fishermen are paragons of virtue and do not engage in illegal practices.

engage in illegal practices.
(Laughter.)
But apart from recent prosecutions, which include other than Scottish boats, there is no reason why boats should not fish legacy for mackerel in the permitted limits. limits.

This is under consideration in regard to future quotas. We wish to conserve stocks of mackerel, now becoming increasingly pop-

Mr Henderson—I agree on conservation. But has he studied the case vation. But has he studied the case last week when some of my consultants were in court in Cornwall? Will be make representations on the appalling fines levied on them there?

One of the magistrates had already provisionally indicated a preference before the case and a local fishing officer had told the court he was out to get the Scots. local tishing officer had sold the court he was out to get the Scots. Mr Brown—I am not surprised at this further expression of his inflammatory and English remarks. I regret any fishermen being found fishing illegally, Scottish or not. But it does no service to the fishing industry of this country if MPs will not oppose illegal fishing. Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen, North, Lab)—Does not this epi-sode prove that the wellbeing of the United Kingdom fishing the dustry is a matter for the United Kingdom and that Scots. Irish, English and Welsh have a common interest in perting a successful fish.

Mr Brown-Yes, there will be increasing pressure on species and stocks of mackerel simply because of the pressure or reduction of stocks of other species.

interest in getting a successful fish-

Mr Edward Taylor, chief Opposi-tion spokesman on Scotland (Glas-gow, Cathcart, C)—Such instances could become more frequent unless we can get a solution on exclusive limits. Has he anything new to report on this and is there hope for a conclusion in the discussions with the EEC soon? With the EEC soon?

Mr Brown—It is asking the impossible to sak him to give this Government any credit for anything. We have made considerable progress in the EEC in conservation measures. He should welcome that because it is the basis of our policy.

Scot Lab)—Is it the Government's view of morality that one can argue for protection of Scottish inshore fishermen and deny the say protection to the Cornish fishermen? Mr Brown-That is philosophical and I am unsure what he means. There are unique circumstances about the method of fishing by people in Cornwall. I would like to see these preserved and it is not inconsistent with sound conservation measures outside the limits.

# Reform of electoral system seen as means of improving nation's economic performance that a great deal of what was wrong with Britain lay in its method of government, Mr John

Pardoc (North Cornwall, L) said in maintaining that the two party sys-tem was breaking up. The United Kingdom's poor economic pertor-mance and the electoral system were intricately bound up. were intricately bound up.

Mr Partice moved: "That this House believes that Great Britain's economic performance is gravely hindered by a system of government which grants majority power to alternating minority parties; and calls for the reform of the voting system so that Parliament can represent and give effect to the wishes of the people".

He sold that it was appropriate that the subject should be chosen for debate in the aftermath of last night's great victory. The vore should be seen as that, rather than as a Government defeat by parliamentarius. If the reform he proposed were to be implemented, last night's vote and the victory for parliamentary democracy would become the natural order of things.

There might be many reasons for There might be many reasons for supporting electoral reform. The first was that it would do the Liberal Party a favour. Had the proportional representation system been in operation at the last general election and bad the votes been cast in the same proportion as they were then, there would be approximately 117 Liberal MPs.

The second reason for advarating PR was that it would be more fair. This was something the British public understood. tish public understood.

rish public understood.

The two party system was breaking up. The first-past-the-post electoral system might have been appropriate as long as the two major parties dominated, but from a high point in 1951 when the two parties polled 27,500,000 votes, or 79.3 per cent of the electorate, support had dropped to 22,700,000 votes, or 59.9 per cent in 1974. The two main parties hoped the trend would not continue and that the would not continue and that the third force would collapse, but there was no evidence of that. It is a case (he said) of the two party system being dead but it

wont lay down.

The main reason for electoral reform, however, was the essential link between poor economic per-formance and the electoral system. The link might not appear direct or close but under the present system the winner took all and the system me winner took all and the loser played no part but to criticize. There was an inbuilt temptation to generate disagreement and tension where they did not exist, particularly in the industrial field. Extremists in both parties were

encouraged. Government was con-ducted by a series of lurches from one policy to another as the two main parties alternated. The results had been seen on investnent incentives, taxation, regional nvestment, pensions and local ment incentives, taxation, regional investment, pensions and local government reform.

The success of the Government's industrial strategy depended on a consistent policy being followed. Unless they could convince industrialists and potential investors that their policies were here to stay, along with their taxation policies, they would not get the investment they so much desired.

Our poor economic performance and our electoral system are (he said) intricately bound up.

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Even if the Conservative leader (Mrs Thatcher) hoped to obtain an overall majority at the next ejection, that would not solve the problem. The Tory Party document The Right Approach said a settled approach over a long haul, perhaps a 10-year period, was necessary on the road to recovery. The investment cycle was lengthening and industrialists needed long-term planning.

industrialists needed long-term planning.
Will the Tories (he asked) get the investment? They did not last time. The reason is clear, Unless the Conservative Party faces the possibility that Britain will become a one party state, industrialists, landlords and others will have to think in terms of the alternative that will follow them. As long as this system lasts, the alternative may be simply switching back to the old style socialism, perhaps

present.
The system would not be changed in the House, because MPs would suffer from the result of the introduction of proportional concentration. If there were going of the Introduction of proportional representation. If there were going to be 116 Liberal MPs then there would be 50 to 60 less Conservatives and 50 to 60 less Labour MPs.

Each Labour and Tory MP (he said) will have the unhappy question mark over his head "Is it I", other are not not in Support so they are not going to support electoral reform.

electoral reform.

It would have to be done by millimat democrats. There was a breakthrough point for the Liberal Party—between 23 and 28 per cent of the electorate, around seven million millimat democrats, voting in the next election as if they were casting a vote in a referendum for PR and recognizing that the only way, in the absence of a referendum, was by a vote for the Liberals. way, in the absence of a reteren-dum, was by a vote for the Liberals. They would force the two party system to its knees, break the adversarial habit and get on with a different system of govern-ment in Britain. Mr John Rathbone (Lewes, C) said

it would be misleading to the country to think that a wave of a constitutional reforming want would dispet the economic probreflected in a government which reflected in a government which represented reasonably accurately the outcome.

There must be reform at the core of Parliament which required reform in the electoral system, substituting for the present first-past-the-post system, which led to inequitable and undesirable representations as more proportional system.

sentation, a more proportional sys-tem through which the innate good sense of the people could be re-flected in the composition and the actions of the government. actions of the government.

He urged this because his party prided itself justifiably on being a party of the constitution. Ultimately, only a government supported by the majority of the country through a more proportionally representative system could protect people from the one party state which could easily be the outcome of a successful con-

the outcome of a successful con-frontation with Parliament by far right or far left wing forces out-side the parliamentary system. Mr Reginald Prentice (Newham, North-East, Lab) said the rigidity of the British parliamentary system in the last 30 years had meant that the three main parties had become much more detached from the body of the electorate. Disillusionment with party politics had grown rapidly especially in the last decade or so. These days there were many more genuine doubtfuls among the electorate, people who cared about the future of their country but did not see existing policies and the existing system of government as providing any answer to the problems about which they were recovered.

which they were worried.

He would refer to the selection of candidates and within that the deselection of sitting members. He declared an interest. If he referred to the unhappy history of Newham North-East, he did so only in order

North-East, he did so only in order to make a point relevant to the debate, not to weep on anyone's shoulder.

At the last general election he was opposed by an extreme left wing socialist, Miss Vanessa Red-grave, who ran under the banner of the Workers' Revolutionary running under her own banner and for her own principles. She got 500 wotes. I got nearly 23,000. That was for her own principles. She got 500 votes. I got nearly 23,000. That was the verdict of the electocate. Under the way in which we do things in Britain, the proposition of people who at the moment have a majority in my local general management committee is that the politics of Vaness Redgrave should be imposed on the people of Newham by the backdoor.

This I believe to be an extreme but not unique illustration of the way in which our present system enables not merely minorities to govern this country but tiny mino-

govern this country but tiny mino-ritles within those minorities to exercise a disproportionate

What had happened in his constituency party and within Haves and Harlington (where Mr Neville Sandelson, Labour is MP) and some other cases was the influx of people who rather than run under their own colours joined the Labour Party because they believed they could have more power that way than if they were to face the electorate under their own colours. own colours.

The system of adversary politics dominated by the two main parties led to an auction at election time which was profoundly unhealthy for democracy. The constant repetition of election promises which were not fulfilled led to the grow-ing disenchantment with the whole Our system (he said) prevents a degree of continuity in policy which we must have in view of our

present system is that we teem to feel a compulsion to exaggerate our differences, to have a parliaferences that do not really exist. That was translated into the manifestos and translated into a situation where an incoming government felt bound to rear up much of the structure they inherited, tried to start again and then a couple of years later did U-turn. If there had been a commonly accepted policy, a continuing approach to prices and incomes policy in the last 12 to 14 years, they would still have had a degree of inflation but he was continted of inflation but he was convinced they would not have had as much

inflation as they had had. What happened in the House last night should give them some rea-son for satisfaction. It was a vicson for saustaction. It was a vic-tory for Parliament.

In the "No" lobby last night (he said) were members of all parties, except the nationalist parties, and we were emphasizing the point which is too often for-gotten under our present system— that no covernment in this country that no government in this country can govern without the consent of Parliament. In doing so, we were striking a blow for Parliament and

democracy.

Whether or not we have fundamental reforms in our constitution one thing that every MP can resolve from now on is that there will be more occasions like lars night in which MPs judge issues on their merits and do not simply do what the party whips told them.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—Many of us over the years, certainly I have, have judged issues on their merits and they have been regarded—I have—as left-wing extremists, rebels wanting to rock the boat and so. Mr Prentice cannot have it both ways.

Many of the people in the lobby last night do not share his views one lots on any other issue except perhaps this one in relation to devolution. Mr Prentice said he and Mr Heffer

Mr Prentice said he and Mr Heffer had had many strong disagreements, sometimes on policy issues.

I have always respected (he said) the way in which he has stood by his principles. In so far as he has sometimes rocked the boat, he is perfectly entitled to rock the boat. People throughout the political spectrum should do that.

Some people on the left wing of Some people on the left wing of the Labour Party—and I do not include Mr Heffer—apply double standards in this. It is all right for

the left wing to say exactly what they like and make as many vigorous attacks on the moderates in the Labour Party. If the moderate part of the Labour Party does the same thing, that is called rocking the boat.

He did not believe that the restriction of the labour that the restriction of the labour party does the same thing, that is called rocking the boat.

the boat.

He did not believe that the party system should be abandoned, but the House should not go as far as the American Congress. There was a lot to be said for party cohesion a great deal of the time.

Democracy would be healthier if there were more free votes, more occasions on which people could either abstain or vote against their party because of the merits of a particular issue. If the Government of the day had to win the argument in Parliament and had to convince MPs instead of taking them for

would be better.

Mr Jeremy Thorpe (North Devon, L) said Liberals had been asked if they really thought that if they changed the electoral system different decisions might be taken in the board rooms, His answer was that he did. People did not Invest in this country because there was lack of continuity.

There was a majority in this country for certain guidelines. Business in West Germany knew that there might be a change of government but there were accepted guidelines and certain rates of tax upon which investment decisions could probably be based. This was the continuity which the PR system would give, not because there would be parched up coalitions but because there was probably a majority in this country for moderation.

Sir Devid Rentom, for the Opposi-

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Sir David Renton, for the Opposition (Huntingdonshire, C), said
the best way they could make sure
that the party with the majority of
seats in the House had the support
of the majority of the people, was
to have only two parties. This
could be achieved by the Liberals
doing what he and some of his
colleagues had done—joining the
Conservative Party.
The Conservative Party had open
mind in reform of the voting system and was not unsympathetic to
further consideration of the matter further consideration of the matter

further consideration of the matter on an all-party basis.

We expect to win the next gen-eral election decisively the sand) under the present system of first-past-the-post and in doing so, we shall again undertake to rouvene a Speaker's conference so that the matter can be considered fully matter can be considered fully
Mr Bryomor John, Minister of
State, Home Office (Pontypridd,
Lab), said reform of government
was not solely a matter of remedying the voting system. It would not
be anything other than ecriously
disfilusioning if people were led to
believe that reform of the voting
system would lead to reform of
every other facet of life.
There was a danger of denigrating the present system too much.
He knew it had imperfections but
it had proved to be resilient and
adaptive.

laptive.
The single transferable vote sys The single transferable vote sys-tem, beloved of the Liberal Party, would lead to large multi-member constituencies. It would leasen greatly the geographical connexion which most constituencies had with their MPs. Because it would have a number of members there would no longer be an individual with whom an electorate had a connex-ion.

of certainty about its government.

The probable result of proportional representation would be a coalition government, which would lead to a number of ills, among them the negotiation over portfo-lies and the blurring of respon-sibility which an electorate had put upon a government.

It would lead to the country not

setting the measures it needed.

What would be seen in a coalition government would not be the measures which the country needed but the measures that everybody could agree upon in the coalition. They were likely to be the lowest common denominator and the coalition government would proceed on the basis of its most junior partner. The quality of the vote would be diminished. If people voted for a candidate because of a policy or a combination of policies he espoused, and if a coalition was esponsed, and it a common was entered into, the reason why an electorate voted for a party might be abandoned not because of the ballot box but because of the nego-tiations for compromise. It would not be amenable to the of the ballot box but would

susceptible to abandonment in negotiations in a back room to form a government. form a government.

The motion was wrong in its premise, deficient in its logic and misleading in its conclusion, it was misicating in its conclusion, it was because the motion might be represented as yet one more conjurar's flusion—in that if one thing was changed everything else would follow—that it would not be belpful. The Liberal motion was with-

### Liberals accused of ratting on pledges

If and when the devolution Bill is enacted the authority of the Secretary of State for Scotland would be reduced and that would be reflected in a reduction in the number of civil servants. There would probably be a reduction in the number of of Scotlish Office ministers as well. Mr Bruce Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland; said. He added that in the vote on the guillotine the previous night the Liberals had ratted on their election pledges.

Mr Alexander Fletcher, an Opposit

Mr Alexander Fletcher, an Opposi-tion spokesman on Scotland (Edin-burgh, North, C), had asked; Which ministerial posts in the Scottish Office would no longer be required if the Scotland and Wales Bill was enacted and a Scottish Assembly established, and what functions were attached to them. Mr Mulan (Glasgow, Craigton, Lab)—The number of ministerial posts in the Scottish Office, as elsewhere, is a matter for the

Mr Fletcher—Does he agree that with eight ministers in the Scotlish Office Scotland flas a greater direct involvement in Government any other part of the United King-dom and after last night's vote does he not think he should recon-sider that if there is an assembly in Edinburgh Scotland's influence and involvement in the United Kingdom Government is bound to he seriously diminished? be seriously diminished?

Mr Millan—No. I do not accept that. There are only six ministerial posts, not eight. The law offices are not part of the Scottish Office. There is not likely to be an in-crease and there may be a reduc-tion.

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L)—Many people in favour of devolution in Scotland are concerned about the increase in the number of politicians and civil servants foreshadowed in the Bill and unless there is a reduction in their nowers and seven and favoreshadows. in their powers and scope and in-his own position, then devolution is not genuine but a sham. Mr Millan—There will be a considerable reduction, when the Bill is enacted, in the responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Scotland and that will be reflected in terms of the number of civil servants there and no doubt in terms of the number of ministers who will remain as Scottish Office mineters, but the latter point is not really a matter for me.

As to last night's vote, one of the most interesting features of it was the way the Liberal Party ratted on their piedges.

Mr Norman Buchan (West Req-frewshire, Lab)—It seems a curious position for the Liberal Party to try to justify their cheap and unprincipled behaviour last night on the basis of the number of ministers who may be a liked above. ministers who may be talked about

ministers who may be talked about in a question.

Is it not stranger than the argument they put forward yesterday which was they wanted a concassion on proportional representation, which was advanced and defeated in the House. Are they not slightly mixed up?

Mr Millan—I think rather more than slightly. The impression I had yesterday was Mr Steel, and his friends, for whatever reasons seemed to be sensible to them, but obscure to the rest of us, was anxious to betray his election pledges. I just do not understand why he did k.

Mr Gordon Wilson (Dundee, East, Scot Nat)—The House is anxiously awaiting a further statement of definition of the Government's in-tentions in relation to the devolu-

tion Bill.

Will be give a pledge, in view of his support for the Bill, and as it was in his party's manifesto that, he will personally vacate his own office as Secretary of State as a matter of principle if the Government abandon this measure? ment abandon this measure?

Mr Milian—No. We are not inviting applications for the job of Secretary of State quite yet.

On the other marter of a general statement, Mr Foot, the Lord President of the Council, made it clear last night that we will continue with the Bill tomorrow when there is a day's debate ahead of us, I am sure, Mr Wilson, like the rest of us, are looking forward to that.

### Complaint rejected

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas) said that an article in the Newocastic Journal about which complaint had been made vesterday did not raise such issues as would justify him in allowing a motion about it precedence over the orders of the day.
Yesterday Mr Gordon Bagier (Sunderland, South, Lab) said the Newcastle Journal carried a report headed "Jobs hint may swing vital vote" which raised a possible breach of privilege. The article said that hints of jobs for North-East MPs who backed down and supported the guillotine motion had put the outcome of the vote on a knife edge. Mr Bagier said that he denied the truth of the report.

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Real Act 1974.

# Assurance on nuclear waste

smal, to set up whatever methods of working together met their own particular circumstances, first at shop floor level and then up through the company.

The system should be flexible enough to enable each company to take the path it believed best suited the needs of its employees and its managers. They did not shirk the possibility of legislation, nor did they oppose the concept of employee directors. The appointment of employee directors would spring from a successful infrastructure of partnership below board level based on participation agreements which every company employing over 2,000 people would have to sign.

I cannot understand (he said) why the Government are not willwhy the Government are not will-ing to try to develop this kind of real industrial partnership as real industrial partnership as opposed to the disruptive confrontation that would inevitably arise from the endeavour to impose the system on a main board, and men force it down through the company

beath hazards resulting from such storage.

In order to set at rest public auxiety on this matter, could be give an indication of the criteria that will guide him in allowing planning permission for storage and allowing planning permission for storage and allowing planning permission for prospecting for possible sites?

M. Millian (Glasgow, Craigton, Lab)—The latter is a matter for the local authority and not me, as are all planning matters—unless I call them in—for the local authority concerned, it is not for me to intervene unless that is necessary.

On safety and other aspects, I would refer him to the answer I gave on February 10 indicating the particular statutory provision under which I as Secretary of State operate Lord Cooper of Stockton Heath said Government policy should be as far as possible to nave the minimum amount of legislation to deal mainly with company law and the obligation of employers to negotiate.

In any case regarding the granting of planning permission for the storage of nuclear waste, the planning authority would wish to be assured—as he would if he were to call the case in—that the nature and scale of the proposals were acceptable and he particular that the waste would be stored safely and without harming the environment, Mr Bruce Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland, said.

Mr Thomas Galbraift (Glasgow, Hillhead, C)—Considerable public concern exist about the possible health hazards resulting from such storage.

ment if we are to continue with the nuclear programme, and even on the basis of the existing programme, that we must find a long-term solution to the problem of nuclear waste. It is in everybody's interest, there as find it.

interest waste. It is in everybody's interests that we find it.

Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab)—Is he in a position to say anything about the discussions the Government have had with the European Community on this difficult issue 2 cult issue ? Mr Millan—The particular exploration programme affecting the south of Scotland and other parts of the United Kingdom at the moment is something which is being done with EEC cooperation. We approach this with the inten-tion of having the most rigorous ation of naving the most rigorous standards of safety.

Mr Jo Grimoud (Orkney and Shetland, L)—In this matter and in the related question of uranium mining, his assurance that he will have the greatest concern for the environment is welcome. As well

as the safety angle, will be take into consideration the views of the local inhabitants affected and in particular the structure plans which have been drawn up with such effort in those areas? Mr Millan—I have to have regard to all these matters. In the case of controversy over Orkney I should not say any more at the moment because, in certain circumstances, I might have a quasi-judicial plan-ning function to carry out. All the matters caised by MPs will be taken fully into account.

Mr Hector Monro (Dumfries, C)-Mr Hector Brown (Damines, c)—
I am glad he has given this reassuring statement to the people of
Scotland in relation to test boring
for nuclear waste. Would he bring
home to the Hull laboratory that
they must stop prospecting and they must stop prospecting and carrying out boring operations without planning permission in the near future?

Mr Milian—In this case the local authority has taken the view, which I understand, that at an earlier point there was some dispute about whether planning permission was required. That is now what is happening.

In some of these matters involving individual applications, it is difficult for me to say anything without appearing to prejudge the near future? without appearing to prejudge the issue that may ultimately come before me.

# Widows of Servicemen could live next door to each other and find that one had a pension and the other not, Mr Peter Viggers (Gosport, C) said when he was given always received—nothing. Before 1950 pay had been relatively low and Servicemen had leave to introduce the Service Widows (Equality of Pensions) Rill. He had received hundrads of letters of the processed hundrads of the

Upstairs, downstairs

The Bill seeks to provide pen-

The Bill seeks to provide pensions for widows of Servicemen below the rank of Warrant Officer, Class 1 who retired before September 1, 1950; to provide for equality of pensions for widows of Servicemen below the rank of Warrant Officer, Class 1, who retred between September 1, 1950 and March 31, 1973, and to provide for the pensions to be paid from the National Insurance Fund.

He said the widow of an officer who retired before 1970 received a pension, but the widow of another rank did not. That was an indefensible situation, an upstairs, downstairs situation, which he sought to rectify by the Bill.

Not until 1952 did the widows of Not until 1952 did the widows of other ranks receive a pension. The amount was originally one-third of ber hashand's pension, increased to one-half in 1953. When the legis-lation was introduced, a cul-off date of September 1, 1950 was made,

Only one group, the pre-1950 widows of those below WO1 remained left out. As all ther person benefits were inflation-proofed and increased wim the

had no realistic chance to make substantial savings.

He had received hundreds of letters, some of them from widows who had been shocked and horrified to find, only when their husbands died, that they would receive no pension. Neighbours who were widows of Servicemen found that one had a pension and the other not. the other not.

A minister had once advised that any hardship could be minigated by any hardship could be miligated by supplementary benefits but they were talking of proud people who would rather receive a pension of it a week than ask for money they regarded as charity through supplementary benefits.

When the scheme was introduced there had to be a cut-off date, and in 1972 there had been estimated to be about 30,000 pre-1950 widows, so that a pension for them would then have cost about 54m a year. These widows were among the least privileged in the community. His one-clause Bill would not come into effect until an order was made by the Secretary of State so that it would have no immediate effect on public expenditure. He effect on public expenditure. He was seeking to establish the princi-ple. The Bill had all-party support. The Bill was read a first time.

Parliamentary notices

### it by President Amin would cause deep distress to many House and expressed by the Prime only institution which can still give to its members the sense of solito its members the sense of soli-darity and security and focus of

operate
I know there is public concern
and feeling in all these matters. On

uestion to the attention Ministers of the other alth countries at the

nwy-Roberts, Midister Foreign and Common-airs—I understand the logs aroused by recent m Uganda and I share is however, a delicate i far-reaching impli-would need careful con-

mmonwealth which con-le of all colours and ry religion, is the ideal which to expose resent ganda for what they are istrate by this means of merely Christlans and le who regard the events lsion shared by this

Lord Goronwy-Roberts--Yes, I appreciate those points and is particular that this affects not only Christians, but people of good faith everywhere. By definition the Commonwealth By definition the Commonwealth as an international association of seople of all religious and many languages and colours, could be the right forum for deciding issues of this kind. It could also be a forum where new and aurasive feelings might be aroused with the

best of intentions.

This is what the Prime Minister meant when he spoke yesterdly that what Lord Elton has suggested will need careful consideration, and it will get it. Lord Fletcher (Lab)—Whatever is done about the suspension of Uganda's membership of the Commonwealth, the threatened arrival of Amin in this country would create considerable resentment among many sections of the community. Lord Fletcher (Lab)-Whatever is

Lord Goronwy-Roberts—He is right and I can assure him that the second part of his question is very much in the mind of the Foreign Secretary and the Government. leans secretary and the Government.

Secretary and the Government.

any self-respecting person is going to attend any function or meeting at which he may be present.

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resistance.

In the light of that, do the Government recognize that an all out attack on Christians of the country is an attempt to undermine and destroy that remaining focus of cohesion among the people?

Are the Government prepared to treat these events not so much as an instance of religious persecution, but an issue of the human

an instance of religious persecution, but an issue of the human
rights of all the people?
Lord Goronwy-Roberts—Yes. I
appreciate what he has said about
our considering carefully how best
to protect and sustain our own
people who are akmost all Christians, in Uganda, however few.
Although they are there clearly
by their own considered choice,
how best to protect them and in a
larger sense, how best to sustain
and help the people of Uganda as a
whole is a consideration that this
Government and any other Government would have to engage on in a
careful manner. careful manner. Lord Gladwyn (L)—Is it likely, if this creature does attend the Commonwealth conference, that

not disagree with that prognosti-cation, and a great many others voiced today. I hope Hausard is perused carefully in Kampula. (Laughter.) The Bishop of St Edmundsoury The Bishop of St Edmundsoury and Ipswich—When I was in Nairobi during the weekend for the memorial service for the Archbishop of Uganda, I was approached by a considerable number of Ugandan refugees some of whom are responsible people and who had arrived that day.

There is a widespread, deep fear throughout Uganda that the killing of the past may be far exceeded by the killing possibly of the present and future. The Ugandan people, and those

The Ugandan people, and those who spoke to me, were representative of a considerable tection of the people, think only some kind of outside intervention could help. It is right that the matter should be referred to the United Nations Commission with urgency as some kind of speedy action is of the greatest importance. Lord Goronwy-Roberts-We share his fear and sense of treency. The hest course of action designed to dispel the fear and overtake that emergency remains to be consi-dered with great care indeed.

Lord Jamer (Lab)—In view of the deep anguish that exists not only

in Christian circles, but in other circles, now is the time for something to be done which will indicate clearly to the President of Uganda and his colleagues that the world will not stand for this kind of terrorism and horrific set of actions which have been undertaken recently by the President.

As a civilized nation we must turn round to Amin and tell him bluntly that he is not welcome in this country and if he comes here the people will be deeply distressed about his presence.

Land Goronwy-Roberts—I cannot tressed about his presence.

Laid Goconwy-Roberts—I cannot quarrel with him on the last remark. It is right to point out that in referring to people of the Christian faith, we include the wider circle of concern and danger which would include all faiths.

This House is probably among the best in which these views can be made known. Let us hope from this House and in other ways, the message will reach the right message will reach the right

Lord Leatherland (Lab)—If the association between the British Commonwealth and Uganda is severed, a new association between Uganda and the Russians and Communist Chinese may be estab-Lord Goronwy-Roberts--That is in-deed possible.

# Timetable for devolution Bill defeated As reported in later editions of The Times yesterday, the Government motion setting out a time-table for further consideration of their party in Scotland—sition spokesman on Wales (Pembers to 283—majority against the Government, 29. During the later stages of the Government and make sure that the state of the debate. Mr Nicholas Edwards, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales (Pembers there they badly needed as much support as they could get—Labour debate more than three days, and that the Government and make sure that the country would realize that not

During the later stages of the debare, Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab) said that what had happened in the last 10 days was that, far from filhbustering, the House had yet again performed one of its classical textbook but seldom practised functions—namely, that of a watchdog with teeth. (Cheers.) The unworkable nature of the Bill had been exposed. Mr Norman Buchan (West Renfrewshire, Lab) said the House was facing the most dangerous issue it had ever faced. taking the most cangerous issue it had ever faced.

To those who are opposed to devolution (he said) as to those in favour, I say that this Bill must go through here. (Cries of "No ".) If it goes through, if you oppose it, for God's sake fight it in the referendam if it is wrong, but at least let it be the will of the people.

If the Bill is lost here, we will have a rise of nationalism, and an extremely ugly manifestation of it, too. If by our political ineptitude; we fall to get the Bill through, I for one shall end my political life in this House shortly.

there they badly needed as much support as they could get—Labour MPs should vote in support of the Government and make sure that the motion went through. The Conservative suggestion of a con-vention was a time-wasting exercise.

If the Bill failed by action in the Commons, it would give rise to anger and at the next election a majority of Scottish National MPs demanding independence.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind (Edinburgh, Pentlands, C) said the Government could have made major concess.

rentlands, C) said the Government could have made major concessions without destroying the type of devolution they wished to see implemented.

Mr Kenneth Lomas (Huddersfield, West, Lab) said the Bill was ill-conceived, wrong and diabolical. The sooner the Government took it was and leaked to the sooner the conceived. away and looked at again the bet-

Mr Colin Phipps (Dudley, West, Lab) said there were Cabinet members opposed to the Bill. A list existed of them. Most Labour backbenchers had been talking to friends and colleagues in the Government who they knew to be opposed to the Bill. If there was a free vote, the Government would

be licky to get 120 MPs to support them.

Mr Nicholas Edwards, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales (Pembroke, C), said he hoped the House realized that it would have to debate more than 50 clauses in not more than three days, and that the country would realize that not more than one-third of the Bill was likely to be debated at all if the Government had their way tonight.

They were voting, not on a mere procedural motion, but to decide whether the House could exercise its constitutional function.

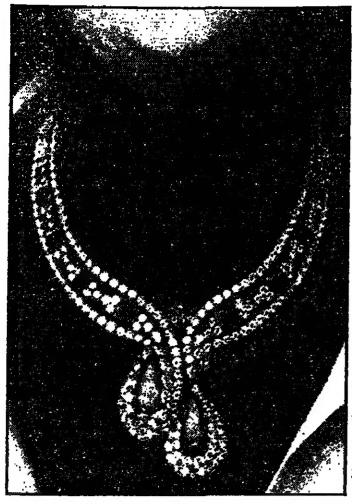
Mr John Smith, Minister of State. Mr John Smith, Minister of State, Privy Council Office (North Lanarkshire, Lab), said he had felt for some time that MPs paid too much attention to the SNP, and to its pretension to speak for the people of Scotland.

The Liberals, who claimed to be committed devolutionists, now that for the first time for many years constitutional reform was on the agenda of this Parliament were seaking for ways to write the out of

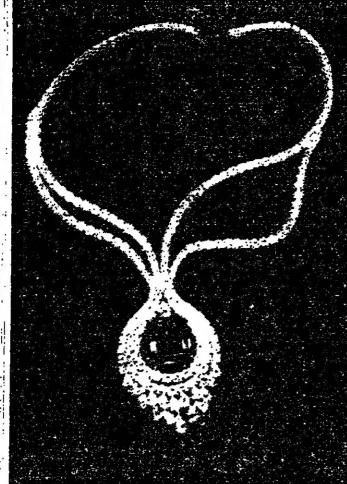
agenda of this Parliament were seeking for ways to wriggle out of their commitment towards devolved government.

The serious challenge to the unity of the United Kingdom did not come from the Bill but from the nationalist parties who sought for their own purposes, to break it me. It was far better to found unit for their own purposes, to break it up. It was far better to found unity upon the recognition of the diver-sity of the United Kingdom.

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# Getting Gstaaded

not cut out for the jet-set life. As a Gloucestershire adolescent I gawped at the glossy pics in the society magazines just glossy pics in the society magazines just as Nancy Mitford recorded the Hons doing ("Heavenly Tatler—we're all in") years before, and I dreamt of belonging to this constellation. On the surface, it seemed unlikely. The women were blonde, showed a lot of teeth, and had a sort of uniform polish which spelled daily sacrifices at the hairdresser, dressmaker and cosmetic counter. Above all, they exided a counter. Above all, they exuded a ravenous confidence that there was always going to be some man there to pay for things like meals and marriage, and what is more, that was precisely what men were there for, and they hung outo them for dear life in the pics.

The uniform thing about the men was

their money, their resignation at being hung onto, and their names; for I postdated the real society captions which dismissed lesser mortals snapped with the aristos as "and friend". Everyone had their names reinted in my youth, which was really rather a pity, come to think of paper has recently had amusing correspondence on the extra characters which could be implied in Shakespeare's texts, but no one as far as I know has queried the identity of the person mentioned by Sir Robert Grant as being seen by a snob spy in the company of "Our maker, defender, Redeemer". Who was that "and friend"? I have often wondered. Or did Sir Robert work freelance for The Tatler and the habit stuck in his hymns?

Anyway, there was teenage I, irrevocably mousey, neat toothed, neither rapacious por confident, with no sense of humour for the practical pranks the jet-set likes should have been a dead loss at an Edwardian house-party), and getting a bit stuffy even then about the role of women as paresites; my feminist views have long roots (or was it jealousy?). Since then I have learnt a good deal.

The first is that nothing about your physical appearance is irrevocable to the jet-set, indeed the older they get the more are they walking (sometimes rather illustrations of the art of the possible or the triumph of self-improvement and cosmetic surgery over what Nature intended. They have their faces, bottoms and busts hoisted up as much as a matter of course as you and I buy toothpaste. I doubt if many of them remember what colour their hair was originally, and they are prepared to suffer agonies in the cause of fashion. Their eyebrows are currently plucked so fine it makes me nervous that I might see through into the void beneath. The second is that though their priorities can never be mine there is a happy medium between over-concentration on l'art de plaire and turning into a middle aged slut. The third is that once you have established that you live by a different standard but enjoy observing other forms of style, goodness what fun they are to dip into.

This is how I found myself last week in

Gstaad as the guest of Louis Gerard. Nowhere in Switzerland is smarter now than Gstaad for the six-week midwinter season. St Moritz, it seems, does not com-pare. "Once vou've had dinner with the Aga and Sally, and that's very boring. you've done everything in that boring nlace," I heard one new arrival complain-ing. In Gstaad the belpful authorities issue a list of who owns chalets round about and who is staying where when, which does make the social grind much simpler. I did not ski, since another thing have learnt over the years is that while can enjoy the cable car to Massada in witzerland climbing anything higher than the bar stools in the Palace Hotel brings on vertigo. But I did lots of observing. The smart things to wear for skiing are

ombre, bright coloured dungaree suits in what looks like glazed chintz, and brilliant plastic boots called "moon boots". To judge by the action of guests in the hotel. which in a horse would be described as string halt, they certainly defy the calls of gravity. For wandering about to meet tout Gstoad, you don either boots like a matching thonoing tied up the leg, or. another horsey simile, shaggy boots like a Shire's feathered fetlocks. For evening, black is the favourite colour and the style is definitely après moi rather than après ski. I never remember seeing more recog-nizable products of the French haute couture indeed Emanuel Ungaro was showing in the hotel

So, 200, was M Gerard, for M Gerard is now, slong with Harry Winston, the sole provider, I think, of that rarefied combination of colossally valuable precious stones allied to really imaginative



Caroline and Dominique. on the terrace of the Palace Hotel in Gstead. Photographs by Jack Nieberg

modern design-all of which he does himself-and made to standards which remind one of the dictum of the late Christian Dior. You could wear a Gèrard piece inside out, I could have seen the newest Gerard collection in London, in Paris, in Monte Carlo, I suppose, but I much prefer to see a designer in context to understand what he does, and on February 16 Gstead was where it was all happening in terms of this sort of jewelry.

The transition to the international life-

is brief and remarkably painless by Swissair, on which the lunch napkins have an embroidered buttonhole in one corner for atachment to the ton button of prosperous and coroulent travellers, or perhaps to the pointed hats of snomes. Garand is two hours' drive from Geneva. "I often take customers back to Portugal, or to Madrid, or Italy," said my taxi-driver, a far and stolid cry from the Tehus of my previous trip. I was glad to find that my British Home Stores patent look crepe soled broques were as effective in deep snow as in the sands of the Nerey.

The transition from the charm and legance of our own jewelry designers. who have perforce to concentrate on style rather than just intrinsic value, to pieces of truly avesome proportions both physically and financially is painless, too, when end product is as pretty and as well designed as the work of Gerard. I believe that different media impose, quite rightly, a different priority on the artist who uses them, and thus I expect in the most expensive ornaments that extremely difficult combination of wit and charm and innovation superbly made into something which has the classic value of untiring, indeed self-renewing appeal. The artist working in the most valueble medium has to express confidence and mastery and a certain recklessness towards the material if the designs are not to be just dull lumps to be stuck in the bant vault. At the same time to make a style too close to the ephemeral whims of clothing is inappro-

Louis Gerard worked for 25 years with Van Cleef and Arpels. In 1958 he set out on his own, backed by M Roger Bellon, a friend and customer. He is 54, and the heirs apparent to the business are three daughters: Catherine, who is 30 and handles the publicity. Dominique who is 26 and is going to run the London shop in Grafton Street, and Caroline, who is 21 and who lives with her father and mother and handles administration and a small iealous dachshund.

While most of the establishment names in the jewelry business-Tiffany and

he now has in his workshops made in numbers of one, the three the craftsman he most admires. M Gerard buys stones from all over

from private sources now; the ruby mines are enhausted—rubies are now the most are a good source, so are the Italians, Portuguese and Spanish. But the English

. With insurance premiums so high and the anti-status fashion brigade so much in evidence, who buys these things, why, and where do they wear them? Usually the pieces will be worn at private dinner parties and in the refined world of the

really rich connoisseur. The pieces, he is convinced, are bought

Cartier, for example-have moved strongly into the boutlete and gift areas, Louis Gérard has taken exactly the opposite route. He is not interested in semi-precious stones, he is not interested in boutique jewelry or attendant fripperies, and as a Paris, where every single thing is hand greatest artisans available to realize his ideas. These ideas come from his intel-lectual grasp of historical design, and from talking to lots of women and getring inspiration from them". He does not travel much, because he says to motivate an important piece "you must communi-cate every day with the creftsman; you cate every day with the creftsman; you must watch and be involved with every single sten, otherwise the piece dies a little.". Gold is to him, as to every jeweller know, the most magic metal. Faberge is

d, and says, modestly, that he is now sufficiently established for people to come to him first to offer outstanding examples. Much of the material comes valuable stones in the world, with emeralds and diamonds banded second and to get superb matches it may mean buying hundreds of stones. The Germans don't like change; they hang on to their

for the joy and pleasure of ownership. It is impossible to describe or even photograph their seductive beauty. I find, because you really need to hold them and eaze, and fiddle with them as the Chinese did with jade. Of course, they are bought for investment value, too, but he does manage to make this the secondary thing one thinks of even when handling vast diamonds. Perhaps it is because he himself adores his medium. There is one neck lace which contains Indian diamonds 300 years old which are cut just like the drops on a crystal chandelier. Even M Gerard is impressed by a Maharajah who could allow such big stones to be cut around regardless of time, of waste, and without benefit of modern techniques. But ther the Maharajah owned the mines, the

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# Goldsmith actions against distributors of Private Eye can continue

Goldsmith v Sperrings Ltd. Goldsmith v Various Distribu-

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Scarman and Lord Justice Bridge

So long as the law of libel entities a person to bring an action for damages and an injunction not only against the alleged defamers but also against any disneramers but also against any ins-seminator of the defamatory matter, he can bring actions against wholesale or retail news-agents for the same relief, and can make settlements out of court with any of them, even if they result in the distributors ceasing to handle a particular publication. So long as his ourpose is to protect his reputation and not to destroy the particular publication, his actions against some distributors after settlement with others were not an abuse of the process of the court and should not be stayed or dismissed. The court, the Master of the Rolls dissenting, so held in

reserved judgments, in dismissing, with costs, interlocutory appeals by 17 wholesale and retail distributors from Mr Justice Stocker, in charters, who had allowed an appeal by Sir James Goldsmith, financier and company chairman, from Master Warren and had ordered that 34 actions hegun by writs issued by Sir James against the distributors claiming damages and biometical company of the distributors against the distri and injunctions to restrain distribution of two alleged libels in Private Eyo or any similar libels should not be staved because they were not an abuse of the process of the court.
The feets as stated by Lord Jus-

tice Bridge, with whose statement of law and fact Lord Justice Scarof law and fact Lord Justice Scarman agreed, were: In 1975 and
1976 many issues of Private Five
contained uncompilmentary references to Sir James Coldsmith. In
the issues of December 17 and 25,
1975, and January 9, 1976. Sir
Tames considered that he had been
libelled. In respect of the December 12 article lentified "All's well
that ends Fluors") he obtained her 12 article lentified "All's well that ends Elies" he obtained leave from Mr Iustice Wich to institute proceedings for criminal libel against Procedum Ltd., the publishers. Mr Richard Ingrams, the editor, and Moore-Harmes Ltd., the main distributure of the mazazine "the main defendants"). They have been committed for trial but have not yet been ried. Sir Tames also issued writs ried. Sir Tames also issued write claiming damages and infunctions against the main defendants in respect of allegedly defamation matter in all three issues. The civil action in respect of the December 12 issue has been hald in suspense pending the opposite December 12 issue has been hald in suspense pending the outcome of the criminal prosecution.

In the actions relating to the December 26 and January 9 issues [headed "In the City "] the main defendants rely, inter alia, on the defence of justification. Sir James has issued a further written area in them in respect of an area of the control of the co

against them in respect of an alleged libel in the June 25, 1976, For the alleged libels of December 26 and January 9 Sir James issued 74 writs against 37 sub-ordinate wholesale and retail distributors. Sixteen distributors had come to terms, Sir James had discontinued proceedings against them and they, in effect, had, at least for the time being, discontinued distribution of Private Epe. The remaining 17 distributors were the nominal appellants. They obtained from Master Warren an order that Sir

James's proceedines against them he stayed as an abuse of the pro-cess of the court. Mr Justice Stocker, on fuller evidence, reversed that decision. On appeal to the Court of Appeal, the 17 claimed that the actions should The background to the 16 settle-

ments was that Sir James believed that Private Eve was conductine a campaign of vilification and abuse against him. Private Epe was a publication with a substan-tial record and reputation for publishing defamatory matter. The publishers' business manager had deposed that they had been such "Innumerable times" for libel since 1963. Their accounts shored the cost of libel suits at \$12.784 for 1974 and £14.346 for 1975. The for 1974 and £14.346 for 1975. The publishers had a substantial libel contingency fund, and when faced with a potential liability in defamation, appealed to readers for subscriptions. The so-called Coldenballs Fund, in relation to Sir James's litigation, stood at over 537,000. Any disseminator of defamatory

matter was liable to the party defamed, subject to the defence of insocent dissemination, and it was for him to show that he def not in fact know that the publication contained defamatory master and that he had no reason to believe that it was likely to contain such

There had been negociations for the initiative for settlement came of any discussion with Sir James to discontinue distribution of Pri-vate Eye, either absolutely or "until further notice". When that decision was communicated to Sir James with an apology, he discontinued proceedings against the distributor. In some other cases the only exchanges preced-ing similar settlements were that the distributor sought and obtained from Sir James's solicitor mation about the terms on other distributors had already settled. In no case were a damages or costs to be paid the distributor. In most cases distribute Private Eps in future was unqualified. In some it was limited in point of time or to copies containing references to Sir James. distributors' agreement not to

Mr James Comyn, QC, and Mr Desmond Browne for the distribu-tors; Mr Lewis Hawser, QC, and Mr Richard Rampton for Sir The MASTER OF THE ROLLS

said that Mr Comon had stated that the case concerned the free-dom of the press. Mr Hawser retorted that it concerned the good name of an ordinary citizen. The court had to hold the balance otween the two interests and see which way the scales came down. The action was not against Prirate Eye, but against respectable newsagepts. Sperrings Ltd. Southampton district. If they done sur wrong at all, it was simply that they distributed Pripate Epe among other publications handled. Sixteen other respectable firms of distributors were also sued. All that was said against them was that they distributed

rivate Eve.

Private Eve. which had a circulation of 100,000, was found in public libraries, clubs, colleges, and business places. It caricatured people for its readers' amusement It exposed wrongdoing but some-times missed the mark and was sued for libel.

three articles contained "umpleasant instructions" against Sir James, but the writs for libel against the newsagents, because they distribted Private Eye, were a umpleasant instructions

step quite without precedent. Sir James's action in doing so was the crux of the case. Mr Comyn said that it was an abuse of legal process; that his motive was to smash Private Ere; and that was a threat to the freeom of the press.

On the distributors' legal lia-bility, the case had been conducted on the assumption that the distri-butors were prima facie liable unless they could prove that they did not know that Private Eye was of a character likely to contain a libel: Gatley on Libel and Slander (7th ed. 1974, para 241). His Lordship had done his own researches —for which he had been rebuked in the past—and he ventured to think that the law was not so. Printers and publishers of repu-

rathers and publishers of repu-table newspapers and periodicals, of course, were responsible for libels in them. But were the news-agents also liable to be sued? Lord Bernstein had sued the city editor of The Observer for getting

his facts wrong and was awarded \$25,000. But could he have sued the distributors with any bope of success? From W. H. Smith at the top to the streetseller at the bettem of Chancery Lane, alleging simply that they had published a libel on him and putting on them were not negligent in not noticing the defendatory campaign? His Lordship's answer was no. Any such action should be struck out as disclosing no reasonable cause of action. The distributors of newspapers and periodicals were nothing more than conduit pipes in the channel of distribution. They had nothing to do with the contents; they had no time to read them. His Lordship had read every case cited in the nambooks.

every case cited in the rextbooks on the subject and found none where a subordinate distributor had been held liable to a plaintiff except when prior knowledge of the libel had been brought home to him.

to him. But it was said that a publication might have so bad a charac-ter and be so likely to contain a libel that anyone who distributed it. knowing of its character, was liable in damages to any person libelied in it. If that were correct and applied in the pre-sent case it would mean that sent case it would mean that everyone who handled it, even a person who handled it to his neighbour to read, would be liable in damages to any person who claimed to be libelled in it. There might be some publications so but that a distributor should handle them only at his peril; but there would have to be verstrong evidence before it reached that nolize. that noint.

that point.

Even though a publication might be scurrilous, it was not to be banned on that account. After all, who was to be the censor? No distributor could be expected to assess its worth, or inquire how many libel writs had been issued against it or whether the words were true or the comment fair. Nor, later on, could a jury. No such but had hitherto been imposed on ner-papers. Nor should a start be made now. No private individual should be

No private individual should be allowed to stifle a publication on his own estimate of its worthlesshis own estimate of its worthlessness, or the estimate of his friends
orthose about him. And he
would stifle it, if he were allowed
to sue the distributors in libel
simply for distributing it, and
thus making them airaid to
handle it are more. The freedom
of the press depended on keeping
open the channels of distribution.
As to abose of legal process As to abuse of legal process, in a civilized society legal process was the machinery for keeping order and doing justice. If a writ for thele was issued with a writ for libel was issued with the predominant purpose of stifling discussion—as the words "gagging writ" so colourfully put it—it was unlawful. Once the court was satisfied that such was the predominant object it would stay the action as an abuse of

Seventy-four write had been severaly-rour writs pag neen issued against 37 subordinate distributors. They had been shocked by the writs. Some immediately discontinued Private Eye on their own; others negodated for a settlement. It was not a proper

use of process.

There was no need and no justification for Sir James to sue the subordinate distributors. His Lordship had yet to learn that mere distribution gave him a cause of action against them, any more than against the public libraries or others who distributed Private Eve.

Further, his actions had caused irremediable damage in advance of any judicial determination of wrongdoing. He could never have got an interim injunction before trial against the principals of Private Eye, and even if he had, he would have had to give an undertaking in damages. Yet hy suing the distributors he had succeeded in obtaining a drop of 12,000 in Private Eye's circulation. That might affect its finances. even its continuance: distributors who were not sued felt that they dare not risk handling it lest they too should be sued for libel. That damage had been done by the use of the legal process. And

the way it was done appeared to basty that the list against whom the write were issued in-cluded three who had never handled Private Epe at all. No letter before action. No chance to explain or apologize. Seventy-four writs in all, when all could have been brought in one writ

Lordship appreciated the indignation which Sir James felt rightly at the hurtful campaign against him. He was entitled to use every legal process available to hit the principals as hard as he could within the limits allowed by law. But his indignation had got the better of him when he went for the subordinate distriat any rate. In the way he did it. - No doubt he thought Private

Eue was scurrilous and that a good way of stopping or reducing it was to shut off the channels of distribution. But that was a collateral purpose outside the legitimate scope of the legal process. If distribution channels were blocked so that a ban was placed on the distribution of eve periodical, that was an intrusion on the freedom of the press. Such a ban, by agreement or otherwise, was not to be enforced by the law unless there were sufficient cir-cumstances to justify it. There were no sufficient circumstances The court should not allo actions to continue. His Lordship would allow the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE SCARMAN said that he took a different view of the facts from that of the Master of the Rolls, and the appeal turned on a question of fact. If Sir James's purpose in pursuing his actions against the secondary dis-tributors was to destroy Private Eue-to use his wealth so as to suppress te-he was abusing the process of the court.

wealth nor power entitled a man of however, his purpose was to vindicate and protect his reputa-tion, the use of all remedies

afforded him by the law could

oot be an abuse of process. It james demonstrated that his was never easy to determine a dominant purpose in uning man's purpose. Ordinarily that was to shur down Private Eq. was a task tackled only after trial.

(3) that in the law of co Their Lordships were being asked to pass judgment on Sir James's. purpose on a preliminary applica-tion, the effect of which, if suc-cessful, would prevent him bring-ing to trial actions in each of which admittedly he was pleading a cause of action recognized by the law. It was right, therefore, that the task of imposing a stay at the present stage as an abuse of process should be a heavy one, for, unless the court was satisfied, a stay was a denial of justice by court—a totally intolerable

Like the judge his Lordship was not satisfied that Sir James's purpose was to stille the publicapurpose was to stifle the publication of Private Eye by depriving
it of its commercial outlets. In
negotiations between April 26 and
May 11, 1976, with the principal
defendants for the settlement of
all pending litigation between
them. Sir James had put forward
terms which would in no way
impede or obstruct future publication and he had sworn that everyone understood that if there was
a sertlement he would not pursue one understood that if there was a settlement he would not pursue the remaining actions against the distributors. The settlement went off because among the terms proposed by Sir James was one designed to protect his solicitor from being libelled, which Private Eve negotiators found unacceptable.

Eye pegodators found unacceptable.

The Master of the Rolls had concluded that a plaintiff who sought, or by way of settlement was pleased to take, more than the two remedies which the law offered to a defamed plaintiff-damages and an injunction to prevent publication of the libed or similar libels—was abusing the process. That conclusion was suspect. Men went to law to redress a grievance. But equally a man, while pursuing the remedies offered by law, might negodate to secure by agreement with the parties sued terms more favourable than, or different from, what ne would get in the absence of agreement. Such a negotiation, undertaken by properly advised parties, each of whom might have an interest in avoiding hitgation and might be prepared to concede more than the law required of them to achieve that end, did not necessarily mean that the plaintiff by his litigation was reaching out by his litigation was reaching out to secure a collateral advantage,

In the context of libel a man might see in a serdement a more effective way of protecting his reputation than by action. Since the protection of reputation was the object of the law of libel, it would need strong evidence that the plaintiff was in fact seeking something more before the court could stay his action as an abuse of process. of process.

The Master of the Rolls also relied on his view, based on his own researches, about the nature and availability of the cause of and availability of the cause of action against secondary distributors of libellous matter. But those researches could not provide any clue to Sir James's purpose. He must be judged on the previously unchallenged view that the cause of action existed.

of action existed.

His Lordship would have been content to rest his judgment on Mr Justice Stocker's reasons; but having read Lord Justice Bridge's judgment he agreed with him, for the reasons of law and fact he gave, that the appeals should be dismissed. He would make only three comments. three comments.

three comments.

First, Sir James could not be said to have been unreasonable in believing that he was the victim of a virulent campaign of calumny. It was understandable that he should proceed not only the should proceed not not be said to be should not be said to be should not be said to be should not be said to be said to be should not be should n against Private Eye but also against its distributors; and the r afforded him a remedy. Secondly, the submission, still echoing down the corridors of his Lordship's mind, was Mr Comyn's

warning that the case was most important to come before the courts for a very long time and that to dismiss the appeal would be to imperil the freedom of the press. That was not lightly to be brushed aside. But his Lordship thought it was based on a confusion of thought. If Sir James's purpose was to pursue James's purpose was to pursue rie rights given him by the izw against the secondary distributors, he was not putting the press in peril. If his purpose was illegitimate, his actions would be stayed. If not, he was exercising rights given him by law. If, therefore, there was in the present pro-ceedings a threat to press free: ceedings a threat to press free-dom, the threat came not from Sir James but from the law itself, because it provided a cause of action against distributors as well as publishers. That was a matter for Parliament, not the countil So long as the cause of action existed, it might be invoked un-less shown to be being used ag-secure a collateral advantage.

If the effect of the law was to diminish freedom of the press Parliamens would have to decide where the belance was to be struck between freedom and the protection of the defanted chizen. Some would argue against any restraint, and even go so far as for call for a legal obligation to be imposed on all newsagents and others engaged in newsagents and ribution to provide an outler for all newspapers and periodicals, whatever they published Others, whatever they published Others, however, would argue that the existing law provided in the action against a secondary distributor, a valuable additional remedy for au individual defamed by a scurriprotection of the defamed citizen. individual defamed by a scurri-lous or financially dublious pub-lication. The court did not have to consider those questions.

Finally, the decision on present appeal was not helped reference to Sir James's wealth. Wealth might well have afforded him the chance of invoking the law to protect his reputation in a way in which, also, a poorer man could not. If so, the inference was simply that this branch of the law was not as it sliculd be, available to poor men. His Lord-ship would dismiss the appeals. LORD JUSTICE BRIDGE said

that on the facts he could not accept Mr Comyn's submissions that (1) it was an abuse of process to litigate to obtain a collateral advantage; that any which went beyond advantage the relief which the court could itself award to a plaintiff was a collateral advantage; and that therefore Sir James in settling with 16 distri-butors on terms which the court could not have ordered wis abusing process; or (2) that by settling with the 16 as he did Sir

(3) Inst in the law of co-any restriction agreed by a distributor which inhibited from handling any public whether or not it might c-defamatory matter, was an u-ful restraint and/or course public policy and that the Sir James in settling with 1 rephrings on terms restriction tributors on terms restricting freedom to distribute Privat was entering into unlawful potracts and so was an abu

Drocess. The evidence failed to sho in suing the distributors settled Sir James was seekin such collateral advantage as make the actions an abuse coss. He believed on reas grounds that he had a good of action against them. Then no reason to doubt that actions had not been send would have pursued his r in damages

The terms of settlement directly related to the redr. the grievance which causes to sue namely, the dissemi of a publication which he be, was carrying on a defamator paign against him. There evidence to support a suggithat the terms agreed were reasonable, exacted by sub-

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cess must be sadly defective Mr Comyu's fourth subm. preceded by his reference freedom of the press, some elevate the argument to altogether different plane, that in the law of the constitute freedom of the press, valled over the interest condividual, and no news however defamatory, could a tutionally be subjected a prior restraint on public that the settlement with the ributors amounted to settlement with the process; and the complete referred to a decision been referred to a decision that des states Supreme Courcerned with the constitution of the constitutio cerned with the constitute of a state enactment purp-to prohibit publication of a cious, scandalous and at-tory newspapers. The est., held it to be an anconstituprior restraint on publication

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Nothing at the Seventeenth International Television Festival of Monte Carlo, which ended last Saturday, seemed quite as sensational as that despite the untiring efforts of Tele-Poche to sustain a stream vedettes and speakerines for public excitement, the streets remained quiet and the people relation to the period of man's environmental special monaco, participants in the festival quickly assumed a ritual that varied little. Juries and directors from all over the period of man's environmental specialists and that for the best screenplay by drama producers and directors from all over the period of vanished out of the dazzling sunshine for three and a half hours at 9.30 am, emerged ravenous for lunch at the Hermitage, descending again for another three and a half hours at three in the afternoon. On play. one occasion there was an even-ing session as well, ending at midnight. As a member of the International Critics' Jury, I saw more than 80 entries—22 International Critics' Jury, I are seen by the authorities saw more than 80 entries—22 beforehand to avoid moral hours of new, and documentaries in the first week, more (though a disgracefully biased than 30 of drama in the second "report" from Hungary on the Lebanon still slipped through)

terre, cod war, civil war, the fouling of earth and sea and the vanishing of the species with psychodramas set in Antwerp and Poland, Simone Signoret as the French Margaret Lockwood (Mainade le Juee), and 100 modest minutes of the most popular programme in the entire history of television, the instantaneous legend, Roots. From these and all the rest we were to choose simply what we thought was the "best" pro-gramme of the whole festival, and we demonstrated the im-nossibility of this task by sbaring our prize, in coual admiration, between Julian Mitchell's play, Abide with Me (BBC, last November) and the late Ivica Matic's Woman in a Landscape (Yugoslavia), a stunningly beautiful film which BBC2 should snap up at once for transmission here. The Prench journalists—unoffi-rially, there being a very French tiff going on this year between the press and the Feetival Committee also chose Abide with Me, as did the Catholic organization, Unda. ART GALLERIES

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waich I do not mean that theirs is the most unethical jury, but rather the least solemn and the one most likely to give high marks for pictorial attractiveness and narrative skill. For

television, in fact. The Silver Nymphs for the best short news report (won by ITN for two incidents in the cod war), the best news magazine and the best extended coverage of a "live" event are all awarded by an international jury of TV news journalists; that for the best programme on the defence of man's environand directors from all over Europe. The arrangement is not ideal: extra-televisual con-siderations like "relative" achievement, cross-cultural concessions and the anaesthesis of détente itself, can come into Confusion between news and feature categories makes

matters worse: all programmes enjoyed so much and survived and, perhans less thoroughly, for their eligibility and quality.

It was the job of the Critics Jury to see everything screened, to compare tremblements de terre, and war simil man the were not of faccing class. were not of festival class: the difficulty, of course, without local watch committees surveying the wast field throughout the year, lies in knowing where the good work is. Why, for instance, were there an entries from Horizon, Survival or Disappearing World? Because nobody sent them, I bet.

The best news marrine, easily, was The Story of Pieter Menten, a ferocious and unforgiving Dutch inquiry inm the businessman and art collector now waiting trial for alleged Nazi crimes in the last warexcellent journalism, but in Britain it would almost certainly be regarded as illegal and premature trial-by-televi-Silver Nymph for a news pro-gramme staved in her pool this year, the only "live" events covered at length being the 1976 Monaco Grand Prix and the piercing of a new road tonnel under the Alps. I thought the 40 minutes of televerite in Saint Gothard 76 the most bor-ing I had ever spent in my life, but they were soon rivalled, and

Bulgaria, in the second week by a perfectly horrendous offering from Hollywood Television Theatre called The Hemingway Play. Cuter and more pretenti-ous than this they do not come, even in Hollywood.

The children's jury gave their nymph to Raphaelito (West Germany), the environmentalists chose There is Only One

Baltic Sea (Poland) and the dramaturgs a Czech studio adaptation of Maun's Mario and the Magician, in which Jure Kukura gives a performance of sustained and glittering diabol ism that makes Joel Grey look like Andy Hardy. From all these Silver Nymphs is chosen the Golden Nymph, the pro-gramme best exemplifying the aspirations that first brought the festival into existence. In evitably, this went to the Poles. Their account of pollution and counter-measures on all the shores between Leningrad and Elsinore was informative, pains-taking and a remarkable piece of East-West cooperation, but in no way could it have been placed among even the 10 hest television programmes shown at Monte Carlo this year. It could as easily have been a book. Thirty countries contributed

to the seventeenth festival in-cluding Israel, Tunisia, Dubai, New Zealand and Iran (the last two with distinction), but that will still be fewer than Prague's shorter competition next July, and excludes all Scandinavia. East Germany, Turkey, Central and South America, India and Australia. Entries were excessive from France, unrepresentative from West Germany and Italy, generally poor in sound, colour and content from the United States. The strongest hy Britain Canada Belgium and Spain, who all took the comperition seriously.

Or almost seriously. This

was after all, the very when I a Telévision Indépendente de Grende-Bretome (how glorious and libertarian it sounds), artemoring to establish a partician-raciness in Monte, brought wer Lady Plonden and Lord Windlesham, threw a rich thresh at the Hotel de Paris and professed interminable scenes of a rioting launderette before bewildered diners. Not even Edward VII or Quentin Crisp

Edward VII or Oventra Crisp could save them after that.

The professionalism, assurance and definition of the second week were far sharner than the first. Besides Ahide with Me. Woman in a Landscape and Mario there were at least six other first-class plays, including a French Bartlehu and, from Austria, The Youne Frend. They are all worth showing here and I hone to write more of them in a second arricle near week.

a way that emphasized its

errenath as a symphony rather than its expressive ambiguities

as work on the sibject of death. Once again Britten was being

celebrated without an infusion

of personal grief, and that is surely as he would have wished.

Mr Ledger also directed his King's College choristers in two pieces from those remarkable war years, the Festival Te Deum and Rejoice in the Lumb. Those works, both written for parish churches, could hardly be more different, the one a lovely setting for liturgical use, the other based on the sacred but hizarrely personal poetry of

but bizarrely personal poetry of Christopher Smart.

In the Te Deum the choir made a beautiful sound, and the

made a beautiful sound, and the organ part was nicely done by Thomas Trotter, who was again pleasing when adding his comments in the Smart piece. There the choral singing was fresh and spirited, but the unnamed soloists might have taken more advantage of the strangeness and character of

taken more advantage of the strangeness and character of their lines. It was a pity, too, that Mr Ledger's extreme pianissimo at the close was all but covered by noises off.

The tribute ended in proper jubilant fashion with the overture The Building of the House.

Mr Ledger also directed his

article pour week. Michael Ratcliffe

### NPO/Ledger Festival Hall

### **Paul Griffiths**

For Peter Pears it must have been a moving experience, perhaps even a painful one, to be singing music by Britten so shortly after his friend's dearh. Certainly his performance, in the Serenade, was affecting, although not for any reason of memorial sentimentality; Mr Pears is too much of an artist to permit that. His voice and manner remain as distinguished as ever, and he can still capture the spring hyricism of one of Britten's greatest works.

The remainder of this concert of tribute concentrated on the same period, the early 1940s, when Britten was writing most consistently at his best. Philip Ledger conducted the New-Philharmonia in the Prelude and Fugue for Strings and the Sinfonia da Requiem, a work of sufficient potency and imagina-tion to make one regret that Britten did not do more in the purely orchestral field. Here it was forcefully projected, yet in

Béjart ballet at the Coliseum

The fourth visit to the London Coliseum by Béjart and the Ballet of the Twentieth Cen-tury, the Brussel-based company, is to take place in the spring, when the company will present three programmes durng a two-week season beginning on April 12 with a gala evening in the presence of

Princess Margaret, in aid of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal. The programme for the gala opening and the rest of the first week will be Bejart's The Triumphs of Petrurch. The second week will open with a triple bill which will include another London premiere and Bejart's The Firebird. The final programme, on April 22 and 23, will be Our Faust, also new to

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

# An Orwell 'Carry On

### Privates on Parade Aldwych

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Irving Wardle Nobody could call Peter Nichols an undervalued writer, but with every new Nichols play it will every new kinds play it still comes as a shock to find this steel-eyed observer of the English way of life also handing out vaudeville entertainment in bucketfuls.

In this respect, Privates on Parade is his more appears.

Purade is his most generous work to date : a three-hour song and dance Army show, crack-ling with good jokes, virgin soldiers, sudden death, and solders, suddent death, and altogether the kind of piece George Ornell might have turned out for the Carry On ream.

The play picks up the threads from Nichols's Forget-Me-Not Lane, with its memories of Army show business just after the war. Its hero is a keen young recruit to a Combined Services Entertainments unit Services Entertainments unit based in Singapore, with pobody below the rank of sergeant and everyone on Christian name terms-most of all Cuptain Terri, the unrivalled belle of the hall who has sought artistic refuge out East on discovering Atlee isn't the Roman Empire . Inside the Garrison Theatre all is frolic, feast and fun, with the sergeants dragging up to support Terri in various portrayals of a suspender-belted Dietrich, a bosomy Vera Lyon and a fruit-

loaded Carmen Miranda. Denis Quilley, who couples these delicious routines (plus a performance of the best song Noel Coward never wrote) with cross-talk comedy, radiant fairy godmother exits and inexhaust-ible torrents of come-hithering double entendres, flirts with the spectators as much as with his follow actors, and entirely enuals his author in generosity. This is a most consummate dis-play of relaxed professional mastery, reaching a fitting climax where the wounded Quilley flings away his crutch for a homecoming dance and then collapses as his knee gives way.

Offstage, however, trouble looms in the persons of the unit's former-policeman warrant officer and its CO, a Christian combat officer who plans to

first to anchor the plot in tra-ditional pantomime. There is a Harlequin and Columbine in the persons of Steven, the recruit (Ian Gelder) and the unit's half-caste girl dancer; while the two senior officers occupy the roles of buffo gro-tesques. All this is worked out in Nichols's sweet-and-sour terms, For instance, the unit terms. For instance, the unit celebrates Steven's love affair with a bawdy dirty called "Black Velver" to the rune of "Greensleeves". The scene then unfolds to a lyrical nude bed-room encounter, at which the tune is taken over by Vaughan Williams; followed again by Warrant Officer's brutal arrival

to break up the idyll. So far, therefore, the play applies a traditional comic structure to a collision between Army discipline and the most unregimental outfit one can imagine. But without diluting the comedy. Nichols also uses it to take another hard look at to take another hard look at the Army's operation as a class system without class warfare. The Major, played with weak-chinned fanaticism by Nicel Hawthorne, is an inflexible paternalist who goes in for homely little chats with his men decoming into what he founds dropping into what he fondly imagines to be their own style of speech; an initial separation from reality that finally leads him on his suicidal campaign into the interior and enables him, at the end of the play, to describe his own seventeenth-century mill house as a prelude to toasting " the ordinary every-day England we've been strugg-

ling to save ". This is not a bitter play; and to ensure that it ends happily Nichols summarily drops one of his villains, and shows the queasily hypocritical hero re-turning without explanation to his pregnant girl after being seduced into dropping her by the Major. I am not complain-ing; Nichols says it all without needing to twist the knife; and Michael Blakemore's production brilliantly conveys the idea of a spotlit centre of precarious griety surrounded by moral bigotries, class barriers, and sudden death. You get to know people like Joe Melia's obscenely hiccoughing Sergeant Bonny and Simon Jones's gauchely torch-carrying Ser-

geant Young-Love inside out Set by Michael Annals amid ingeniously varied sliding corrugated iron walls and garish drapes, the play supplies the RSC with a brilliant sequel to offer a little entertainment to Charles Wood's Jingo. The communists in the jungle. Pany can now claim to have Nichols's approach to this done justice to British Singarather complicated scheme is



**Denis Quilley** 

Photograph by Donald Coops

### Alferso and Estrella Reading University

### William Mann

The last time that Schubert's opera Aljonso und Estrella was performed in Britain it was in a concert performance at the 1968 Edinburgh Festival. Stan-ley Sadie then rehearsed in some detail the virtues and shortcomings of the piece, and concluded that it ought to be staged and would be "apt material for a university opera society with large resources". Nine years later Reading University Opera has taken up the challenge and this week is giving the British stage premiere of Alfonso und Estrella (further performances tomorrow and on Saturday) sung in an English translation by Ronald Weedham

RUO is nothing if not ambitious: past productions have included Wagner's Rienzi. Rosincluded wagner's Riema. Ros-sini's Moses, Gluck's Iphigenia in Aulis, several spectacular Verdi operas including Nabucco, and both operas by Glinka. Yet every producer and scenic designer has to contend with a stage which is really a shallow tiered planform; the levels cona stage which is really a shallow tiered platform: the levels can be useful but are not readily disguised as anything else, and rapid movement on stage, especially crowd-movement, is almost impossible.

Alfonso und Estrelle is regularly depreciated for shortage of dramatic action and development. David Fenton, the pro-

lopment. David Fenton, the producer, has turned two given shortcomings to positive effect: he does not try to create gratu-itous dramatic business but simply allows the characters to stand and sing, looking as personable and unstatuesque as possible. He is helped by a designer, Nick Rands, who has successfully camouflaged the and might look, ideal at Glyndeplatform to suggest some tall

sand-dunes in Spain where the action takes place; a long ramp and some hidden stairs allow the various levels to be used helofully.

The result is that we concen-

# trate on the beauty and abundant invention of the music. We are also made aware how much fine choral music it contains, as well as the justly admired solos and duets: the choruses were excellently sung, sensitively disposed for visual pleasure (and the chorus, a numerous body, moved on and off ous body, moved on and off with remarkable speed). A story of rivalry and political faction, with a romance at its centre, was seen to take place and made to appear less stupid than commentators have suggested; use main characters, too, emerged in quite strong differentiation, for example the rival kings of León, one tormented, the other resigned and philoso-

phical.
There is a keen young cast, including some professionals, to match the student chorus and (sometimes tentative) orchestra expertly conducted by Tim Dean of whom more must surely he heard. I liked particularly the warm, dark baritone of Simon Vaughan as the villain, Michael Goldthorpe's stalwart tenor Alfonso, and Garrick Jones's grainy, flexible baritone as the usurper of the throne.

On Tuesday the announced Estrella was too ill to appear, and the performance was saved by one of the chorus who (sometimes tentative) orchestra and the performance was saved by one of the chorus who mimed the part while Eileen Lowes, at a day's notice, sang the music from the orchestra pit; sometimes she lost her place, or declaimed instead of singing, but she did bring a radiant, appealing soprano and ample musicianly enthusiasm to her almost impromptu task, and deserved all praise. Reading's

Football

# QPR's loss may be England's gain

By Norman Fox Football Correspondent Only a little over a week ago the manager of Aston Villa, Ron the manager of Aston Villa, Ron Saunders, was not taken too seriously when he suggested that the drawn second leg of the League Cup semi-final round between his team and Queen's Park Rangers proved that there was not much wrong with the way football was played in Britain, in spite of the weight of criticism that followed England's gloomy performance against the Dutch. On Tuesday, when Villa dismissed Rangers 3—0 in a surprisingly one-sided replay at Highbury, his views gained some credence and Don Revie, the England manager, was in attendance. It was as much an ideological struggle between managers as a straightforward Cup tie. One of the main reasons why Mr of the main reasons why Mr Revie has lost his way with Eng-land in recent months has been his apparent nucertainty about the style of his teams. Indeed, he has led them into several blind

alleys.

At first, his ambition seemed to be to build a team who could combine entertainment with practicality. Then man-to-man marking became the only way to play. Now we are to go back to playing to our "strengths", which means much running, a tough centre-forward and the use of a trouble-shooting midfield player. In League terms, we will probably see a leaning towards the Middleshrough style and away from Queen's Park Rangers.

Mr Saunders may be right to contest that Villa's method, placed somewhere between the two, best bridges the span between commitment to a continental style, for which England have too few skilful players, and an uncompromisingly defensive artitude that even Middlesbrough are sometimes managing without. If anything, Mr Saunders underartitude that even Middlesbrough are sometimes managing without. If anything, Mr Saunders underestimates his team by calling them "typical" of the British game. Mr Saunders said later that his ambitions for the Villa team lay farther ahead than the League Cup final with Everton at Wembley on March 12. In two or three years, he said, his would be a "great" side. Impressive improvements have been noticeable





this season, but Rangers seem to have remained static since beating Cologne in the Uefa Cup last

For David Sexton, the Rangers manager, who has tried to bring wider vision to League football, the Uefa Cup is now the only opportunity to prove that he has not been over-ambitious. No doubt he will be less keen to change ractics in the season's remaining

defence and attack: Both, too; have been hindered by injuries, although neither was overlooked from the last England party for that reason.

Gidman has been cast as too attack-minded, which is a harsh criticism when one considers how quickly he returns to base and how rarely his attacking ideas fail in mid-flight. In the more immediate future, however, Villa have a home FA Cup fifth round tie with Port Vale on Saturday and so have the incentive of a Wembley double. Mr Saunders has taken League Cup teams there four times in the past five years, but the FA Cup has been more elusive.

pass played forward to utilize Gray's acceleration. The high centre remains popular. They mix traditional strengths with excellent counter-attacking and sound finishing. To suggest, though, that they hold the answers to England's dilemma would be far-fetched.

But at least they have already achieved a positive, successful tactics in the season's remaining matches than he was on Tuesday when dropping Hollins and using Givens behind the attack. This served no useful purpose.

Several peripheral aspects of the tie offered interesting thoughts for the future, not least the performance of the Villa right back. Gidman, and Little. Both offer England enterprising football in

"As for Saturday the going will be heavy after all the recent rain but when it is over-I hope Everton will feel they have been in a game. I know all I need to about them—their strengths and weaknesses and the capabilities of players like Duncan McKenzie, Rloch and Latchford, I have briefed my boys in a broad sense. You don't want Latchford, I have briefed my boys in a broad sense. You don't want to clatter up their minds. To tell them too much is as bad as telling them too little." Andrews showed a burning belief in his emerging team as he named the line-up—Healey, Dwyer, Went, Latmour, Attley, Buchanan, Livermore, Giles, Grapes, Evans and Sayer.

brought stability at the rear, and in Livermore, once of Liverpool and Norwich, we have the hub of the wheel. He plays a vital role in midfield and as captain he does in multiple and as captain he does more than merely toss up. He has licence to change things on the field. He is more important than the manager biting his mails on the bench. And I will tell Everton something for free. They had better watch Evens. The net is a

### Derby sad but no wiser about Clough

Brian Appleby, the man who persuaded Brian Clough to stay with Nottingham Forest, admits that it would have been a tremendous blow if Clough had returned to Derby County.

Mr Appleby, a QC and chairman of the Porest board, took pains to point out yesterday that there was more to success than retaining a manager. " It would be unfair on Brian, and Peter Taylor, for me to say that Forest could now look forward to promotion and a return to the first division", he said, "But we can face the future with confidence. If a club is to be successful, then it must have the best possible manager and assistant manager, and we have them. have them.

"I know the public and press tend to concentrate on Brian but we have an equal regard for Peter Taylor and the important point is that they are part of a team which includes Ken Smales, our secretary, and the commercial manager, John Carter. They are all vital to the club and if one of them left we would be in difficulty."

Mr Appleby calls the decision of Clough and Taylor to stay at Forest a demonstration of loyalty and integrity. "Those are vitally important if any club is to have a future."

Clough and Taylor, who had seemed 2'll set to rejoin Derby, turned down the move at the last moment on Tuesday. Clough told the Derby board that he was "very happy at Forest", but not much else, in the way of explanation

nion.

Now it is left to Colin Murphy, confirmed as Derby manager until the end of the year, to pick up the pieces. He and his assistant, Darlo Gradi, were back at work at the Baseball Ground yesterday, with their minds on the FA Cup fifth round the against Blackburn on Saturday.

### Blackburn ask for inquiry into transfers

Blackburn Rovers have asked the Football League management the Football League management committee to make an immediate and full investigation into all aspects of the dealings between themselves and Newtastle United over the last 20 months, The call came yesterday in a statement from Rovers' vice-chairman Mr. Dorsk Korzbios.

Rovers want the inquiry to cover the period since Gordon Lee, now Everton's manager, left Blackburn to go to Newcastle. Mr Keighley's statement said: "As a serving of good faith we enclose. gesture of good faith we enclose a cheque for £15,000 to be deposited with the League as a bond until the management committee determine our protest."

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The League bave ordered the Lancashire club to pay Newcarde fils,000, the sum they owe for the transfer of Glon Keeley to Blackburn last August.

The League management committee also asked Blackburn to apologise for remarks the board made after the League's decision to put a ban on Blackburn signing any players until they had paid the £15,000. Blackburn were particularly critical of Lord Westwood, the Newcastle chairman, who is also president of the Football League.

Mr Keighley added: "In our statement there is no mention of an apology. We simply want a full and frank investigation of all the dealings between us and New-



Before her time: Tracy Austin, of the United States, has won several tournaments and is being hailed as "the new Christine Evert ". Miss Austin is 14.

Rugby Union

# France faithful to winning combination

Paris, Feb 23.-The French (Dax), J.-C. Skréla (Stade Rugby Union selectors today chose the team which bear England, 4—3, at Twickenham last weekend to meet Scotland in the five nations championship here on March 5.

The selectors had been expected to make a few changes in the pack, to rest two or three players who have had a hard season and to choose Guy Noves, of Toulouse, on the wing in place of Dominique Harize, who has shown some weakness in defence.

But the selection committee

opted to stick by their winning combination in the third leg of their attempt on the "grand slam". The French tesm is: J.-M. Aguirre (Bagnères); D. Harize (Stade Toulousain), R. Bertranné (Gagnères), F. Sangalli Bertranné (Gagnères), F. Sangalli (Narbonne), J.-L. Averous (La Voulte); J.-P. Romeu (Montefer-rand), J. Fouroux (Auch, capt); G. Cholley (Castres), A. Paco (Béziers), R. Paparemborde (Pau), M. Palmié (Béziers), J.-F. Imbernon (Perpignan), J.-P. Rives (Stade Toulousain), J.-P. Bastiat

# M. Droitecourt (Montferrand).— Renter. The Irish Rugby Union are to spend at least £450,000 in a major reconstruction of the West stand at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, Work to provide 1,600 extra seats, a new reception area, dressing, rooms, and first-aid facilitiles, will begin at the end of the current season and be completed in time for the first international of the 1977-78 campaign, against Scotland next January. The scheme will be largely self-financing. The IRFU are to sell up to 2,000 stand seats, which will be available for 10 seasons at £150 each. It is expected that this will bring in £300,000, with the IRFU providing another £150,000 from their own resources. All seats offered for 10 year sale will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis and may be purchased by deferred pay-ments. Barbarians are School plans to send team forced to make changes

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# on Japan tour Plans to send the first British

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school rugby team to tour Japan were announced yesterday by Oakham School, Rutland. They itland. They was win ue as a gament the professional cyclin pan and the Tour Mediterranear rackay. Mr. J. D. to two relatively lean theorise. We would be supported to the company. hope to play eight games against other schools in Japan and the Far East in December. to be an historic enterprise. We believe the tour will stimulate increased support for the game in Japan and contribute to the goodwall between our two rugby nations."

Squash rackets

# RAF prevail but somewhat flattered by margin

By Rex Bellamy Squash Rackets Correspondent Squash Rackets Correspondent
The Royal Air Force beat the
Royal Navy (reinforced by one
marine) by 4—1 in the IniterServices squash rackets championship at Uxbridge yesterday. The
Army, who play the Navy today
and the RAF tomorrow have won
the title for the past two years
and, with three internationals in
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The Navy are playing under a considerable handicap. Bawtree is at sea and Chaplin, their No I a year ago, is playing as third string because he has recently spent more than three months studying Russian in Russia, which seems a reasonable place to do it. Until the past week, though, he has been starved of squash. Yesterday he made many mistakes and lost two games. But he got his shots working just in time and finished well against Nuticins, who could not quite manage without the unearned income he had so grate-

fully banked earlier in the match. This put the Navy level after the promising Arthur, a sound and sensible player, had disposed of Ralston, a Marine, whose ankles weer so thickly encased in layers of socks that it looked as if he was wearing boots. Scully put the RAF ahead by winning in straight games against Smith. Stokes, who has made more international appearances than any other British player, gave the RAF their deticate win. But Pool won the first game and had further cause for optimism when he came back from 3—8 to 8—8, in the third.

Graves won the last match for straight games to make the final margin somewhat unjust to the

### Latest European snow reports

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# A man remaining true to his principles

By Geoffrey Green

As local interest mounts for the visit of Everton on Saturday the calmest man at Ninian Park is calmest man at Ninian Fark is Jimmy Andrews, the Cardiff City manager. Having already knocked Tottenham Hotspur and Wrexham out of the FA Cup, he six ghurulke as the eye of the gathering anticipation. His thatch of snow white hair tells that he has been through it all before at various

white hair tells that he has been through it all before at various levels of the game.

Ourside angry clouds hunted each other as they came like a cavalry charge over Beckwith Hill which cuts the akyline on one aide of the ground. Rain fell in buckets beating a frantic into on the windows as if demanding an entry to escape itself. Inside we chewed over the thought that Cardiff now stand 90 minutes away from reaching the sixth round of the cup for the first time since they became the only club to have taken the trophy out of England. That was in 1927 when they beat Arsenai 1—0 at Wembley with the help of a tragic goalkeeping error by Lewis, himself, ironically, a Welshman.

The intervening half-century

The intervening nair-century since those great days of Keenor and Hardy has seen Cardiff rise and fall like a yoyo between the first and third divisions, a life-span of good and bad times. Now they are back in the second divi-

sion and Andrews in the three seasons as manager in succession to Frank O'Farrell (which have encol., passed both relegation and immediate promotion back from the third) has now set the club on a new track.

"We will mik about Saturday's tie in a moment", the man from Dundee said with his quiet Scottish burr. "But first let me confess that we are not yet ready

United academy of cultured football which has produced a string of managers like Sexton, Bond, Cantwell, Allison, O'Farrell, Musgrove, Moroney, the Irish international and others, Andrews has remained true to his principles. "We were all there together. We loved to talk and argue football. Moroney was the catalyst. He was the one who questioned every remark. You could not say anything lightly. It had to be substantiated and tills promoted real discussion. I love football "he continued." To me it is beautiful at its beat. It is an art, not

he continued. "To me it is beautiful at its beat. It is an art, not just a game and that is what I want to get out there."

His forefinger stabbed the air towards the pitch beyond his office wall: "What I want here is well balanced quality. Without that one might as well pack up and do some other job. Achually, we have occasionally produced performances that have had our supporters glowing and even boasting."

A creative inside forward him-self with West Ham, Orient and Queen's Park Rangers the Andrews He has fulfilled this function at Rangers, Chelesz, Coventry, Luton and Tottenham where he gained the deepest respect for Billy Micholson and Eddie Bally. "That was my finishing school."

"Went, from Portimouth, ha

better watch Evans. The net is a magnet to him." So saying Andrews added more brandy to our coffee; "You hear Sospan Fach rise on Saturday which will warm your cockles even more." That will be all right by me.

The one stumbling block is the argument over Green's purse. Terms have been agreed wifth Stracey, but Smith's proposals have been turned down. "I have given them my terms and they have not agreed to them", said Smith. "The trouble is that Stracey has come back to boxing saying he is going to take such a figure. I want a guarantee of a 50-50 share. If that doesn't happen, Stracey can shadow-box. "So they will have to give me a percentage of the gate and ancillaries. After all, we can bring £20,000 worth of support." Green, the country boy who has provided his supporters with so much excitement, faced his first rejection from the crowd after Tuesday's gruelling battle. It was hardly deserved, for Guillott had a record of 60 contests, many in good company, and had not been knocked out.

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presented a difficult task. He was able to soak up all Green's best punches, but did not have enough skill to make use of his strength. It was an unrelenting affair with Green always going forward. Smith admitted afterwards that Guillott was the last sort of opposent he would have liked with a big bout looming.

Indeed, he would have preferred.

"I am glad to see the back of this one. There is so much pressure on an occasion like this, You only have to look at the man's record to realise he is a tough cookie. He is one of those guys you could have knocked yourself out hitting nothing."

Green may have been disappointed at having to go all the way

been may have been disappoint ted at having to go all the way, but he is not going to give a second thought to the booing. The crowd did not worry me. They wanted me to finish him early and you can't just knock out a guy like that."

# make four changes for the Mobbs Memorial match against East Midlands at Northampton today (3.0). Philip Orr and Moss Keane were injured playing for Ireland last week and Fran Cotton and Tost Neary are on duty for Lancashire in the final of the county championship on Saturday. They are replaced by Robert (Leicester), a new Bar-Nicholas Martin (Harle-Phillip Llewellyn (Swansea) and Fergus Stattery (Black-

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### Golf

### Open champion likely to make amends

Melbourne, Australia. — The British Open champion John Miller has had a leap year so far but be gets the chance in the Victorian Open golf title starting today to end his bad run. Miller is the outstanding player in the 72-hole tournament at the Yarra Yarra golf club and has only to

hit reasonable form to win.

Miler is under contract to three lo.?! companies which have sponsored him for three years and part of the deal is to play in the \$40,000 rournamet. Should he win. Miller will receive one of the smallest winning cheques since he burst upon the golfing scene. burst upon the golling scene.

Miller had a 76, four over the card, in his first practice round but improved considerably in the Pro-Am when he achieved a three under par. The main challenges are expected to come from the title holder Guy Wolstenholme, a former British Ryder Cup player, the Australian Billy Dunk, who won the Tasmanian Open last week, and the promising Gree

week, and the promising Greg Norman.

Wolstenholme has won the title twice and Dunk obce but, Norman, who turned professional only 12 months ago, will be playing the course for the first time. The veteran Kel Nagle could surprise because he likes the fast rolling greens and he has only to get his putter working to be a threat. The course is divided into two 36s with the first nine finishing with two par fives while the par fives on the second nine are on the 16th and 18th.

Miller will have his job cut out

Miller will have his job cut out trying to break the course record as Britain's Tony Jacklin shot a 63 in 1972. The national long driving championship will be con-ducted in conjunction with the title and the winner will receive \$2,300.—AP.

### Conners ranked first again

Dallas, Feb 22.—Jimmy Connors, of the United States, is again. ranked world's number one, the position he has held since dethroning John Newcombe, of Australia, in July 1974. The computer's listings for this season was published by the Association of Tennis Professionals here today. Raul Ramirez, of Mexico, moyes up one place, to fourth, but Raul Ramirez, of Mexico, moves up one place, to fourth, but Adriano Panatta, of Italy, drops out of the top ten, his place being taken by Brian Gottfried, of the United States. Mark Cox. of Britain, is in 17th place. The rankings are:

1. J. Connors (US): 2. B. Borg (Sweden): 3. I. Nastase (Romania): 4. R. Ramirez (Mexico): 5. G. Vilas (Argentina): 6. M. Grantes (Szami: 2. P. Tanner (US): 8. E. Disks (US): 9. R. Johnson (US): 10. B. Gottfried (US): Agence (LS): 7. Agence France-Presse.

### Athletics

### Miss Sanderson called up for international

Britain have called up Tessa Sanderson, for the hurdles, and Beverley Goddard, for the spring for the indoor international against France on Saturday.

The selectors left a gap in each event when they named the team earlier this week, in case Lords Boothe and Wendy Clarke, injured in San Sebastian and Genoa respectively, recovered. Both athletes are back in training, but do not yet consider themselves

fit enough for top action. Other changes are: high jump M. Palmer (Wolverhampton and Bilston), for M. Naylor (Hillingdon); long jump, T. Henry (Shaftesbury) for D. Thompson (Lissex Beagles) pole vault, M. Bull (Wolverhampton and Bilston; women's 1,500 metres, P. (Wolverhampton Byrne (Wolverhampton and Bilston) for K. Colebrook (Scun-

thorpe). Tony Simmons and John Wild have been chosen by the English Cross Country Union to run in the Portuguese national championship at Lisbon on Sunday,

### Tennis Two Britons to play in world series

World series

New York, Feb 22.—Christine Evert, the defending champion, Martina Navratilova, of Czechoslovakia, and, Virginia Wade and Susan Barker of Britain, were named today to play in the third annual women's world series of teanis in Tucson, Arizona, on April 16 and 17.

The tournament, worth \$100,000 (about £60,000) has a winner's prize of \$50,000, the largest in women's teanis. Miss Evert, the world's top-ranked player, won the previous two finals.

She best Billie Jean King, 4—6, 6—3, 7—6, in 1975 and Evonne Cawley, 6—3, 7—6 in 1975. The tournament, sponsored by Leggs, a women's hoslery company, was held for the first two years in Lakeway, Teras.—Reuter.

PALM SPRIMGS: First round: R.

PALM SPRINGS: First round: R. Randrez (Mexico) beat B. Walls. 6—4. 6—2; C. Vilas (Argentina) beat M. Riessian. 6—4. 6—2; R. Tunner beat T. Koch (Bradil). 6—5. 6—6; R. Laver (Anstrall) beat H. Rahlin (Pakintan). 6—5. 6—2; S. Smith beat T. Gorman. 6—3. 7—6; H. Solsman beat A. Partison (Rhodesta). 6—6. 6—2; C. Mastera (Anteralia) beat J. Lieyd (Bb. 6—2; L. Amriro) (Ind's) beat C. Dibley (Australia). 7—6. 6—2; L. Amriro) (Ind's) beat C. Dibley (Australia). 7—6. 6—2. 1—7 High (Chile). beat R. Moore (SA). 6—6. 6—2. 6—3. 6—3.

### Boxing

### Stracey and Green to meet in March

The way is open for the promoter, Harry Levine, to make his long-promised announcement laterthis week of Britain's contest of the year. Dave Green, the British and European light-welterweight champion, cleared; the last obstacle, if somewhat uneasily, at the Albert Hall on Tuesday night by, outpointing Mario Guilloti, of Argentina, over 10 rounds.

Mr Levine will announce that

Argentina, over 10 rounds.

Mr Levine will announce that Green will meet the former world welterweight champion, John Stracey, at Wembley on March 29 even though Green's manager, Andy Smith, made it clear that financial agreement has not been reached. But it is unlikely that the parties will not reach an agreement for the richest non-title bout in Britain.

The one stumbling block is the argument over Green's muse

unin a big bout looming.

Indeed, he would have preferred Green to have met Stracey himself. "Guilloti was a much harder fighter than I amicipated for David at this stage. If I had signed already for Stracey, I would never have let David fight tonight.

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# inditions suit Border Incident

her washed out yestermeeting at Catterick it has forced the abandon any hope of ing at Warwick today. the total of meetings ason to 104, which is less than the record meetings cancelled in season. The prospects at Teesside Park to-

on Saturday, and at Aven on Saturday, and at Aven on Saturday, do ut other. The side was mash yesterday. But make at Windanton I on and it may shed not the light and the nore light on the rional Hunt festivel nee Cup (7.45) and ell Pattern Hurd's gether they should umper crowd to the merset course. The merset course. The four horses who are a four horses who are a fin the Che'tenham lummerville, who wen months ago. Mister ion, and Border Ingi-

will be negligible.

At Cheltenham Border Incident will meet all his rivals on equal terms, but today he is receiving an allowance of 5th because he has never won a steeplechase over three miles or more. Not that Border Incident has ever been asked to. In fact, this will be his first race over more than 21 miles, the distance over which he won the Embasy Premier Steeplechase final at Haydock Park, last month. No one can be sure that he will last today's distance of three miles and a turleng, but ridden in a restrained manner, as he was when he won at Haydock, there is every chance that he will. And if Border Incident is on terms with the others racing down the straight for the last time there is every chance that he will outclass them. In the betting on the Gold Cup.

chance that he will outclass them.

In the betting on the Gold Cup,
Border Incident is offered at much
shorter odds than Summerville,
Zeta's Son, or Master H. It is
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is not much between Border
Incident and Summerville at the
same weight, but the fact that
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should surely up the scales his
way.

race last year, he also won the Welsh Champion Steeplechase at Chepstow, where he beat Game Spirit. And it has been plain this winter that Summerville has lost none of his sparkle. First he easily beat Broncho II at Worcester, and more recently won by 10 lengths at Ascot. When Border Incident won at Haydock he was ridden by Ron Barry. This time Barry has been claimed by Michael Buckley to ride his Grand Nanonal enry, Zeta's Son, whose forte is stamina.

It is difficult to visualise Zeta's Son outpacing Border Incident this afternoon, although he has won at Wirecauton. It looked as though Zeta's Son may have gone.

won at Wincanton. It looked as though Zeta's Son may have gone off the buil when he finished lost in his most recent race at Sandoun Park. That race was won by Master H, who finished no less than 15 lengths behind Border Incident when they met earlier at He dock.

Although the is difficult to

Although It is difficult to imagine Birds Nest and Night Nurse being dislodged from their present positions in the antepost market on the Champion Hurdle, the Kingwell Pattern Hurdle still promises to be an envertaging in the Che'tenham and a summerville, who wen months 170. Mister from his rival this afternoon should surely to the scales his conditions of 1003. For all that Summerville should still be capable of telling us a strengen his afternoon his afternoon his line capable of telling us a strengen his afternoon his line capable of telling us a strengen his line capable of telling us a strengen his line capable of telling us a strengen Hurdle. And the conditions seem to sold one horse in pardicular, in this instance it is Dramatist, will be capable of telling us a strengen Hurdle shift on sold one of the conditions seem to sold one horse in pardicular, in this instance it is Dramatist, will be capable of telling us a sile one of the conditions seem to sold one horse in pardicular. In this instance it is Dramatist, will be receiving 7 lb this afternoon his rival this afternoon about surely to the scales his to sold one horse in pardicular. In this instance it is Dramatist, will be receiving 7 lb this afternoon his rival this afternoon about surely to the scales his to sold one horse in pardicular. In this instance it is Dramatist, will be receiving 7 lb this afternoon his rival this afternoon about surely to the scales his to sold one horse in pardicular. In this instance it is Dramatist, will be receiving 7 lb this afternoon his rival the conditions seem to sold one horse in sold one h

ham they will carry the same weight. On terms that bave favoured him Dramatist has already accounted for Night Nurse, Birds Nest and Comedy of Errors this season and it will be surprising if even Beacon Light at his best can give him this amount of weight.

The field also includes Hardatt, once a top class hurdler in France; Swift Shadow, his stable France; Swift Shadow, his stable and travelling companion from Newmarket; and Artifice, who has so disappointing in the Schweppes Gold Trophy, for which he was favourite. Swift Shadow ran well up to a point behind kirds Nesn at Sandown, but on this occasion I expect Beacon Light and Dramatist to fight out the finish with victory going to the latter.

Two new meetings

The Levy Board have made two amendments to the list of 18 extra jump fixtures announced on Tuesday. The meeting scheduled for Huntingdon on May 17 is cancelled and replaced by a meeting at Worcester on May 23. The meeting at Bangor-on-Dee on May 18 will now take place on May 18.

### nton programme



4.15 FARNHAM STEEPLECHASE (Div II: Novices: £542: 2m) 4.45 FIFLD-FARE HURDI.E (Handicap: £691; 2m) 3-1 True Song, 9-2 Tananer Fare, 5-1 Heldelern, 5-3-1 Forlorn Raid, 10-1 Hit Parade, 14-1 Comedians, 20-1

Wincanton selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 

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# Johnsey sets sights on a double in Dortmund

mping, the silly seenow has her sight tanuad Show, which irch 16 to 20. Last Johnsey won the re, to set her on the real. In defence of Is one of the big rltish team, announ-

ng Moy, Speculator and will be accomer near neighbour, riding Sportsman. th takes Volvo, the former show who has recently ing. A son of the Hon, Little Cloud, but somewhat

Unton was ridden by Paddy McMohon for Fred Harvill under the Penwool prefix, but took to fully drawing to a stopping a couple of years ago. in the past with horses given up by others as confirmed refusers Warpalot, The Sca Hawk, Mattle Brown, and Salvador among them. Indeed, the £56,000 Askan, now being hunted in Scotland by Sir lingh Fraser, is parhaps his only

Caroline Bradley is the fourth member of the team, with the staillon hiarius. True Lass and either New Yorker or Berna, and Derek Ricketts returns to the front line with Hydrophane Coldstream. Rodney Ward's former three day event horse, who switched to show

at the s'Hertogenbosch Show in the Netherlands, from March 11 to 13, before going on to Germany. Ten days later comes the first Official international house show the Pichard Manda same likely official international horse show of the season, for which the British team has yet to be named. Its composition will depend, of course, on the form shown in the Netherlands and Germany. The British Equestrian Federation is naturally anxious to retrieve our somewhat mrnished reputation in the field of top class international show jumping, and it is significant that only one ameteur. Miss Johnsey, has been included in the

The three-day event riders have another month to go before any bla event—in their case, Badmin-Jumping last year and won die ton, comes their way. But they Weish Jumping Derby only three too are only too well aware that the riedrs will find their form year in all four equestion disci-

that Richard Meade seams likely to have too good stripps to his bow in ... acob Jones and Tommy Buck, is what Lucinda Prior-Palmer will ride instead of. Be Fair. now in retirement, to defend he European title.

Village Gossip is not yet ready, an das he was the obtious choice, on paper, it is good news that, in addition to the Straker brothers' stendbys, George and Ruaz, hijss Prior-Palmer has again been offered Killaire. Having been asked to take him on last August, unly three weeks before Burghley, who nihe horse was only half fit, this extraordinarily sifted and determined young rider defied all the pundits by riding him into second place.

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Irish? Danlop, the Ireland international (wearing No 13), misses with a shot tainst an HA XI at New Malden yosterday.

# 2-goal revival comes in Tooze

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Cottrell, with his usual artistic touch, set up most of the UAU's attacks and was their best player. In the first baif they tooked immeasurably superior and were worth the lead they had take I in the 22nd minute after some fierce bitting by both sides.

fitting by both sides.

The HA defence was penalized for obstruction inside the circle and Cottrell converted the shift corner with a snot superally struck along the ground. Four relatives liter Brickell cleared the way for Cottrell to push in a centre for the right from Wolven.

Enterprise the cound had with

right from Wolven.

Entering the second half with a slightly reorganized side the first tram began to look more assertive. Land give way to Taylor in defence and, later, Francis made way for Tooze in attack. Little did one know what effect these substitutes would nave on the game. Fart, the UAU goal-kneeper, who often found himself stranded, made two splendid saves off successive shots from Hayward. This seemed to be the signal for the HA side to attack and in the 12th minute a short from Duthle from a short corner landed in the net off a defender's stick.

All the subtle refinements of All the subtle refinements of Coux. Dunlop and Cottrell for the

UAU had little effect on the HA side, whose strength in midfield began to tell. With their confidence restored they put the UAU defence more than the goalkeeper. After Waugh had departed. Tyrell, who had earlier been replaced, came back and the HA forwards found the extra room tier needed. Taylor's goal from a long corner was of his own making, and Tooke followed up with the match winner from a pass on the right by Dauban. At that stage the HA forwards were infull cry.

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# New Zealanders unsettled by wide angle attack

By Joyce Whitehead North 1

New Zealanders 0 The North put an end to the (a draw and two wins since arriving in England on February 14) at the Pilkington recreation ground, St Heiens, yesterday. Sur-prisingly, the New Zealanders were made to look slow. North, joint territorial winners with West, adapted better to the wet conditions though the was not the chief reason for heir success. They attacked on a wide front and made many inroads into the New Zealand defence. North had most of the play in the first half when Margaret Souyave, who played well throughout, scored the only goal from a penalty corner on the left. On the few occasions in the first half when their rivals oid break away they looked dangerous. dangerous.

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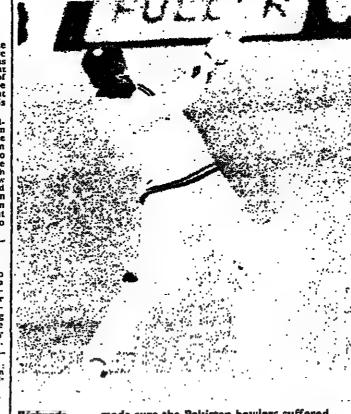
Adrienne Alleway was brought in at left inner for the New Zealanders in the second half and the term settled down better. Miss Alleway came near to scoring file equalizer in the 53th minute. She was only denied by the superb goalkceping of Joyce Kenyon. However, the North were far from firished and from one of Mararet Souvave's many good crosses Verona Noian all but scored. Her whot was well parried by Gall Fergusson, the goalkeeper.

Miss Kenyon did not have a Fermisson, the goalkeeper.

Miss Kenyon did not have a great deal to do, but she dealt ably with those shots that came her way. It says much for the determination and spirited teamwork of the North that they were able to beat this New Zealand

team. On the Lancashire cricket ground at Old Trafford, at the weekend, New Zealand are taking part in an international B team tournament with England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and the Netherlands, Play starts on Friday at two o'clock and on Saturday at 10 o'clock.

NORTH: J. Kenyon (Lancashire); S. Duckworth (Lancashire); A. Luni (Lancashire); C. Craig (Durham); R. Grainge (Durham); L. Carr (Lancashire); M. Souyaye (Lancashire); M. Souyaye (Lancashire); V. Nolan (Lancashire); A. Edwards (Lancashire); D. Haseitten (Lancashire); D. NEW ZEALAND: C. Fergu Munro, M. Gooder, P. White Barwick, C. Horspool, L. & Nell, J. McDonald, J. Phi Lann, Sub. A. Alleway,



Richards . . . made sure the Pakistan bowlers suffered.

# Richards in charge as W. Indies chase runs

-West Indies made a confident and chanceless start in their attempt to make 306 on the final day of the first Test against Pakistan here today. At lunch Roy Fredericks and Viv Richards had put on another 88 runs without loss to leave West Indies on 129 for one and then West Indies moved to 166 for three.

PAKISTAN; First Innings, 433 (Wasim Reja 117 not out, Marid Khan 88; J. Gurner 4 for 130) Majid Khan, c Gerner, b Grott Sadig Molammad, c Gerner, b Groon Rasaid, b Hoberts Munung Mohammad, c Murray, b Robots b Grofi
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Saleem Altaf, b Garner
Barina, Nawar, c Murray, b
Roberts, beater

This morning both betamen were sometimes forced to hurry their strokes when the ball came off the pitch at an unexpected angle but generally the bowlers received little help. Mushtaq Mohammad, the Pakistan captain, tried five bowlers. They all bowled rightly and this, to better with tightly and this, together with some excellent fielding, kept the scoring rate down.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2", 2-68, 7-102, 8-105, 1-105, 10-391, 10-391, 10-391, 10-391, 10-391, 17-55, 17-WEST IND[85] First innings 421 (C. H. Lloyd 107, D. L. Murray 52). Bocond innings
Fredericks b Surinta Nowaz
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### New Zealand seize a draw after reaching for a win

Zemand's minth wicket pair, Cong-don and Dayle Hadlee, hung on to earn a draw for their country in the first Test here today. At tea, a New Zeeland victory looked possible, with the score on 263 for three and 147 more runs needed to win. But soon it was 238 for five, and when Dennis I files took transfer and when Dennis

Liliee took two wickets with suc-

cessive deliveries, and Max Walker claimed another. New Zealand were in trouble at 250 for eight, 89 runs behind.

The Australian fast bowlers had their tails up, but Congdon and Dayle Hadlee played out 11 overs to hold them off. New Zealand finished on 293 for eight, 56 runs behind. They had needed 338 on this final day to win the match. Congdon went in at number three and scored an unbeaten 107 in 293 minutes, including 11 fours. Dayle Hadlee scored only eight, but stayed 53 crucial minutes in the face of everything the formidable Australian atrack could huri at him.

Glen Turner and Geoffray Howarth, resuming the New Zealand second innings this morn Zealand second inhings this morning at 12 for no wicket, took their opening partnership to 76. Both fell at this score, Turner to O'Keeffe, for 36, and Howarth to Gilmour, for 28.

John Parker, who made 21, helped Congdon in a third wicket stand of 58 and New Zealand made

stand of 58 and New Zealand made excellent progress when Mark Burgess joined Congdon in a fourth wicker partnership of 90. At 218 for three, New Zealand a., ared to have a real chance of reaching the 350 needed to win. But Burgess departed at this total, hating made 39, and four more wickets fell for the addition of only 42 runs. At 260 for eight

Christchurch, Feb 23.-New Congdon and Dayle Hadlee had Walker was the most successful Lustralian bowier with four wickers for 65 runs.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings, 550 (K.D. Waiters 250, G.J. Gilmour 121) Second Innings, 154 for J dac (R.S. McCobber 77 not out. MEN ZEALAND: First Innings, 157 M.O. Surges 66, H. J. Howarth 61, K. J. Skeeffa 5 for 101. Gilmour E. Congdon, not out M. Parker, c McCosker, h alker U. Burgess, c McCosker, b Allee \* Lose C Marsh b Walker 15, Lose C Marsh b Lilies 5 1 Howards b Lilies 5 J Badise, c Coeler, b Walker 13, B Madlec, not out 8 Extres (1-b 12, w 1, n-b 8, 21

Total (for 8 wkis) E. J. Chuiffeld did not bar.
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Christchurch, Feb 23.—Lees, the New Zealand wicketkeeper, has been left out for the second Test against Australia, starring in Auckland on Friday. Lees injured his shoulder during the first Test and his place has been given to look Educate. Jock Edwards.

Peter Petherick, the off-spinner, and Jeremy Coney, the Wellington barsman who had to pull out of the Christchurch Test through illthe Christchurch Test through illness, are included in the New
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Burgess, J. V. Coney, J. M.
Parker, G. N. Edwards, H. J.
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# Brearley's steady progress

halted by the rain

Galle, Feb. 23.—A tropical the unofficial four-day "Test" thunder shower forced the two-day match between the MCC and the Sri Lanks Cricket Control Board President's XI to be abandoned at tea on the second and final day here today. The visitors had scored 154 for three in reply to the President's XI first innings of 238 when rain stopped play, They were R. Gunninke. B. Amiss, c. M. Gunatilleke, b. R. Gunnings of 238 when rain stopped play, They were R.—Woolmer. c. Seneviraine. Bi

President's XI first innings of 238-when rain stopped play. They were 74 for three at lunch.

Brearley had made a steady 81 in 270 minutes with seven bound-aries and was luoking set for a century when play was abandoned. Barlow, dropped at 36, went on to make an unbeaten 46. Their un-broken partnership was worth 105 runs.

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The shower was perhaps welcome to the MCC team, who were suffering in the stifling heat. They return to Colombo tomorrow for

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today. The first class game's three one-

day competitions are already spon-sored and the board have inti-mated that they are open to offers for the Test matches and the county champlonship.

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# Hawking and hunting

Utopia and Revolution By Melvin J. Lasky (Macmillan, £15)

Melvin Lasky has been the editor of Encounter magazine for nearly 20 years, and has, in his own way, become something of an institution in intellectual journalism and intellectual journalism and ideological polemics. Long before this, he was also an American "combat historian" in Europe. Both roles need to be borne in mind in reaching some balanced assessment of this extremely learned, but over-long and strangely melancholy compilation of revolu-tionary disenchantment, which is clearly intended as his credo and magnum opus.

The theme of his 700 pages is that of the inevitable, the necessar catastrophe which ensues when men try to project Utopian dreams into revolutionary realities. It is best summed up by his quotation from the Polish poet Zbigniew The predictions of paetry are

Everything happened differently.

The fire in the poem was one

A town in flames was another. Mr Lasky pursues this threnody, "hawking and hunting" as he puts it (quoting Locke, not the Pentagon), across five centuries from Thomas More to Trotsky, in a browledgeable but appareing knowledgeable but exhausting series of loosely connected (and sometimes overlapping) essays, without evident chronology, but swirling mainly around the English revolution of the seventeenth, and the French Revolution of the eighteenth century, with many apt parallels, parentheses, and dexterous topical cross-references. His greatest delight lies in the marginal and "ambivalent" figures of and autovalent figures of ideological history — Glordano Bruno, Tommasso Campanella, Jan Comenius, Samuel Hartlib, James Howell, Marchamont

(1963), is attempted; nor is there any full examination of detailed case histories, as in W. H. G. Armytage's Heavens Below (1961). The work is, as one of the three subtitles has it, illustrative. With the excep-tion of Cromwell, who is seen dramatic confrontation with a Fifth Monarchist, the book also avoids prolonged contact with the great and greatly varied practitioners of revolutionary idealism — Hampden, Robespierre, Mirabeau, Wash-ington, Garibaldi, Lenin, Mao or Castro. Mr Lasky seems to avoid, as it were, their direct

Mr Lasky's writing is exhausting because he cannot resist the temptation to add just one more quotation, just one more illusration, just one more name. Narrative and argument are continually smothered in dizzy mounds of source material, and finally choked out by no less than 100 pages of notes in small print. A typical note (to one page) contains miniature

page) contains miniature reviews, with extracts, of Raymond Williams' Modern Tragedu, Lucien Goldmann's The Hidden God, George Steiner's The Death of Tragedu, together with references to Marx, 'Pascal, Racine, Kant, Goethe, Hegal, Frank Kormodo Goethe, Hegel, Frank Kermode, Thomas Mann, Bertholt Brecht, Fust, and a certain Wolfgang Harich. This as I say is one note to one page. The page itself contains reference to Lukacs, Mann, the "late Franz Mann, the "late Franz Borkenau." Instoyersky, Mark and Mandeville, and approxi-mately one-third is quotation. The page also has a second

The book's central thesis, or most recurrent observation, is that the very language of the utopian revolutionary contains the elements of his own undoing. Mr Lasky puts this with characteristic emphasis.

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circumstances over turbulent centuries, been dominated by what we may think of as a metaphorical imperative. It has, now as then, always been close to the spark and the fire, the river and the torrent, the storm and the whirt-wind, the volcano and the whirt-wind, the volcano and the earth-make, and above all the circles of time and the progressions of

The \* metaphorical imperative" is a serviceable notion, and it allows Mr Lasky to perform skilful autopsies on the manifestos and correspondence of his carefully screened utopiens. This is done with wit, relish, and a good deal of sound and fury. Yet as theorist after theorist bites the ideological dust, one begins to have doubts. Certainly revolutionaries get carried away by their hopes; certainly the pattern of terror, dictatorship, and reaction, is terribly familiar; certainly it is possible to argue that revolution is always a mistake. But to argue that it is a linguistic mistake, a "semantic error", a confusion of metaphor and social fact, is something else. It is sophistry.

It comes as a sudden shock to realize that almost nowhere in this great catalogue of disillusion is there any discussion of the social and economic conditions—the poverty, the injus-tice, the exploitation—that are the actual basis for all revolutionary movements and all utopian longings, and also the human reality in which revolutionary language and its fiery metaphors are forged. (Or is

this, too, semantic error?)
When Gerrard Winstanley is admonished as one of "an impatient generation of furious men", nothing is said of the mud cottages on St George's Hill, or the beatings-up in the night organized by the Vicar of Horsely.

There is, however, at least one section entitled "the English Ideology", which is valuable and peculiarly firted to his theme. Lasky examines, in unusual detail, the crushing

in unusual detail, the crushing impact of French revolutionary violence on the English intellectuals of the 1790s. Here, the old "combat historian" seems to re-emerge, conscious of tension, locale, and the very smell of excitement and fear. There are masterly portraits of Horne Tooke, Major Cartwright, Southey, Wordsworth, Hazlitt, James Mackintosh, Mrs Barbauld, and Tom Paine in Paris, and the irresistible onset of intellectual and emotional revuland the irresistible onset of in-tellectual and emotional revul-sion is vividly described, and painfully felt. It is an histori-cal moment and grouping that obviously appeal deeply to Mr Lasky's outlook, and the vision of Tom Paine in his flat in the of Tom Paine in his flat in the rue du Théâtre-Français, after his release from prison (he escaped the guillodne by sheer luck—his cell-door chalkmarked on the wrong side), seems oddly symbolic of the whole position. "After I had waited a short time, Mr Paine came down stairs, and entered the room, dressed in a long flannel gown. I was forcibly struck with his altered appearance. Time seemed to have made dreadful ravages over his whole frame, and a settled whole frame, and a settled melancholy was visible on his countenance."

Towards the end of this vast and mournful tome, Mr Lasky makes some effort to identify himself with an English "high middle ground" between the extremes of revolution and reaction, which he sees emerging in the writings of men like Mackintosh. J. S. Mill, and Tocqueville. He calls this the "sweet dream", and no doubt he is sincere. Yet the overall tone of Utopia and Revolution is not genuinely liberal, either in style genuinely liberal, either in style or strategy. Its characteristic drive is to discredit and be-little those who have believed and acted in propian faith, to drown political idealism in brilliant sophistications. It strikes

me as a sad business. Richard Holmes | meer, de la Tour, Piero della Francesca, Correggio awaits re-



# Yielding to pleasure

The Paintings of Correggio By Cecil Gould

(Faber, £50) About a hundred years ago, Henry James noted two artists as "the best examples of unacademical art"; Murillo, and the avowedly superior Correggio. In fact, Correggio was already somewhat under a cloud, being allegedly responsible in part for the grave abertations of the late sixteenth century and the whole seventeenth century—and thus indeed Henry James: "Correggio made up in a measure for inheriting no mannerism, by forming one..." About a hundred years ago,

. A bit unjust, for when in-terest' revived in Mannerism and the ensuing Baroque of the seicento, it was led by the new race of professional art-historians, yet failed to focus yery often on Correggio, proto-Mannerist or proto-Baroquist though he might be held to be. The standard work on Corregio was Ricci's, of 1896, (though revised in 1930), and (though revised in 1930), and though there have been major contributions (notably A. E. Popham's study of the drawings), there has been no fresh and thorough re-appraisal of the work "from the ground up" this century. Mr Gould has supplied it. It is an event, and one hopes it will be recognized as such, In 1700, even 1800, it would certainly have been given due recognition, but now? given due recognition, but now? It is strange how the allure of enchanting painter has twentieth century (which Mr Gould roundly accuses of frivo-lity). Unlike others recently "rediscovered" such as Ver-

discovery by a majority may also be that, while like like painters, he vanishes under scrutiny. He lived apart, a provincial, in Parma. He died young, in 1536, in his forties (characteristically, his birth date is uncertain); his work was clearly renowned throughout Italy, yet his curriculum vitae, apart from his works, is given by the merest handful of dry documents, contracts, legalities, depositions, wills (burnor vanishes under lities, depositions, wills (bur not his own). But unlike Vermeet or the others, his work was not neglected. One of the reasons for saluting Mr Gould's endeavour is indicated by the fact that for two centuries or more, in those histographies of meriin those hierarchies of meric that critics loved to draw up, Correggio often, even usually,

ranked second among the greatest painters of all time, preceded only by his near-contemporary, Raphael, but superior to, for example, Titian, Rembrandt, Rubens, Velasquez.

His traditional subjects that is the religious part of it-may not be imme-diately appealing, so much of it Madonnas and Saints, but may distract attention from the revolutionary manner in which it is often handled. That delightful froth of putti, naked babes, that corruscates in so many of his paintings, may remind some too sharply of the Water Babies. But even so, why are not the mythologies and allegories more immediately and irresistibly appeal-ing to all? Is the delicacy of eroticism, galety even, or for example the adolescent Cupid and Danae stretching the sheet for the shower of gold, in the Vills Borghese, simply too delicate (and, I was going to say too gay—das for a ruined word)? Part of the present

any major artist, he is time-less, in another way he seems to belong almost specifically to later periods to which he has no right—not only Mannerism, and the Baroque, but the Rococco. There are moments when one feels almost that certain when one feels almost that cer-tain passages might belong to Fragonard if the latter had been an even better artist. And then, in the adjective that Henry James applied, he is also "unacademical.". His work resists being slotted into a niche in an academic intellec-tual structure. It is much tual structure. It is much simpler, when looking at the works of his maturity, just to vield to pleasure than to even think of extracting points from of all this Mr Gould is well

aware, though he is obliged, by the nature of his task, to avoid such self-indulgence. His is probably not the work from which sudden reawakening of interest everywhere will spring, but such a reawakening is unlikely to happen without it. This is a deeply and minutely scholarly and scientific book: the lay reader will find it hard going as he gropes from text to figures in the text to the formidable array of plates in the back (a volume solution might have been better). It is concerned with fact, with condition, Xrays; formal relationships, in-fluences, borrowings; with techniques and chronology and occasions. It includes a full catalogue in the full-dress of the National Gallery cata-logues, in which field Mr Gould is a proven master, and it sets out a revised canon to which work on Correggio will have to refer for many decades

David Piper

# Bringing joy

P. G. Wodehouse

Owen Dudley Edwards (Martin, Brian & O'Keeffe, £4) Wodehouse at Work

to the End By Richard Usborne

(Barrie & Jenkins, £5.95) When P. G. Wodehouse died, Owen Dudley Edwards asked a Carmelite friend to remember him at Mass. "Well, I will since you asked me", came the reply, "but in the case of somereply, "but in the case of some-one who has brought joy to so many people in the course of his life, do you think it's neces-

My sentiments exactly about most critical studies. Just as hardly a week goes by without the publication at some vast price, of a thesis on an obscurer point on Years or Hardy (the current graduate favourites) so I dread the Wodehouse wordsmiths, Terry Eagleton is no doubt readying a Marxist view of Blandings, to be called, I suggest, Summer Moonshine.

But exceptions in all things. Richard Usborne, to whom must go the first chair in Wodehouse studies in the English department of some enlightened university, has revised his affectionate study which first appeared in 1961. With 13 more published novels since then, and still one to come, he skilfully weaves in new thoughts and instances: Wodehouse and sex (not much to go on), Wodehouse the author of situation comedy (such a label, Usborne's essence of PGW, sounds dangerously near the graduate thesis). He points to the intricacies of the plotting that any crime writer must admire; those double-edged descriptions (" Many a man may look respectable, and yet be able to

hide at will behind a spiral staircase"); the mastery in style that was evident even in bis early stories. Edwards ouotes from a Mulliner yarn: "What! What! What! What!

What!"
The bishop, the general, and the herdmaster hed spoken simultaneously: and the "What's" had been distributed as follows: The Bishop
The General
The Headmaster

king five in all.

Edwards, a lecturer in American history at the University of Edinburgh, is a Wodehouse en-thusiast who falls into the error, unlike Usborne, of taking his subject too seriously. One can hear the echoes of "Eureka!" as he suggests the link between the Empress of Blandings and Beatrix Potter's The Tale of Pigling Bland: "Blandings . . .

pig. . . Pigling Bland | P
His comparisons of the textual
revisions in Leave it to Psmith
(the original serial and the published novel) make a less revealing appendix than Usborne's study of the French translation of Joy in the Morning in which, to quote but one morsel, the character Catsmeat Potter-Pirbright becomes Potter Pirbright-

Incidentally Mr Edwards sug-gests that the final Wodehouse (to be published in July) is a Jeeves story. Not so, as Usborne describes in some detail, Wodehouse left all but complete the manuscript of a Blandings novel. And sadly for Edwards, who kicks at the misprints in recent editions of the novels his printers have turned Lord Emsworth into a cannibal (quoting from one of the Blandings short stories) with the

And a slice or two of man? As Wodehouse remarked elsewhere: "Unseen, in the background, Fate, was quietly slipping the lead into the boxing

Ion Trewin

Crime

difficulty in appreciating him

Case Closed By June Thomson (Constable, £3.50)

Here is a crime-writer to be en couraged with shouts and cries, library tickets and sums of £3.50. This is her fourth book. Her first in 1972 made, sorry to say, no impression on me, but her second, still rather too subsecond, still rather too subdued for complete success, coupled a decidedly real por-trait of a believable country inspector with a loving one of an Essex village. But it is now that the tight buds there have broken into flower. Perhaps this story of how criminals' greed re-opens the case of a teenage girl found dead on the Essex marshes is flawed by early pages in which some failure of the penetrating imagination leads to thoughts being put into minds unlikely to have them, but as soon as events are seen through the eyes of the admirable Inspector Finch we reach a high level of achieve-

Two qualities chiefly provide the pleasure that Miss Thomson can give. First, she writes very well about the countryside. No blather, no romanticizing, but quiet observation plainly conducted with love, a love that comes off the page. Second, she understands people as well as she understands the processes of nature. Observation and compassion play their equal parts here, and especially her portrait of Inspector Fisch is simultaneously both likely, in that she eschews any of those marker-flags of some eccentricity which most other practi-tioners rely on, and individual. He is a real person, quiet, with passions, with a listened to instinct, with shynesses. I am ready to join him in the unhurrying chase whenever he

But such qualities are not al-

crime entertainment. What is needed as well, above all, is a story. And this she provides. That is the recipe for success. Bake more, Miss Thomson. Maigret and the Spinster, by Georges Simenon (Hamish Hamilton, £3.25). Story from

together enough for successful

1942 of compassionately seen mean existences in Paris sub-urbs with unusual deliciously funny funeral sequence. Not quite peak period, but (Fine translation:

Ruming Scared, by Gregory Mcdonald (Gollaucz, £3.80). Wildly misleading "thriller" label on this rewarding novel, portrait of emotionally blocked young New Yorker. Every phrase is considered, and how that pays.

Ask for Me Tomorrow, by Macgaret Millar (Gollancz, £3.50). Hunt for missing hus-band in Mexico depths, with such a pay-off. Splendidly wry humour and pervasive sense of inevitability. Rates very high. The Werewolf Trace, by John Gardner (Hodder & Stoughton, f3.50). The Hitler Lives one, set in English village and with new twist. Intelligence, spread like Patum Pepperium, makes oldish toast excellently appetizing. Pool of Tears, by John Wain-wright (Macmillan, £3.25). Yorkshire West Indian pools-winner's son kidnapped. Fine

know not just how it ends but what's on every next page. The Once A Year Man, by Miles Tripp (Macmillan, £3.50). Tripp takes you to over the edge of credibility but makes you read on, hypnotized. As in this story of bewildered British business-

crime-writing: you want to

Murder in Minicry, by Anne Morice (Macmillan, 3.25). (Macmillan, 23.25). heroine encounters classic mystery during Wash-ington run. Characters with air of being taken from life, plus a proper breathlessne

H.R.F. Keating once, of course. At least Miss Barney, who died in 1972 at

# Modern marriage The Wife ing one part of ther life CS

By Judith Burnley. (Heinemann, £2.90)

Everything about Judith Burn-ley's first book appears to have the same direct simplicity as the title. Its cover, its contents. and its principal character Sarah all present themselves in a plain, disarming, frontal manner. Such quaffectedness is not without effect. Indeed, the tone so disposes

you to accept the narrarive as a straightforward account of the book's single theme-marriage—that it is some time before you recognize it is not strictly normal to conduct two marriages at once. Only given. Sarah's generosity of love is it possible to rise from one bed in the morning, hop down the road and climb into another bed bearing tea and toast. Again appearances deceive. Do not mistake this as the behaviour of a free and independent woman shaping life the way she wants it. In between preparing a series on the ina-dequacy of modern marriage for her magazine Sarah is multiplying the female capacity for subservience, man-main-tenance and discardment by a least two because Sarah manages to yield to one xher and only marginally resist two other men in addition to hus-band Adam and lover Zack. On band Adam and lover Zack. On the whole she organizes this busy life calmly. Though resenting the way her men rank her life as secondary to their own while still having the cheek to run her life the way they think it ought to be, she is far from acrimonious about it. But then Sarah's tem-perament is more successfully programmed for the doormat treatment than most. At the treatment than most. At the office, her colleague Miles will

ing one part of her and loudly covering At home, her girlfrie tries to commit a m cide and even (I think assume from the plea give me") tries to As a study of marri book does not entire although the interspers

viewees strike tell So here I am nice nice kids, good job. lover, plenty of add l'm just looking for to fall in love with all.") If the suggestion marriage has foundere perfectly obvious that for one will happily use base for extending the imbalance of power to tinuing extra-marital And while the man relationship may well h universal rendency. no what attempts are made ress the balance, I think the book is reall ing a successful genera osition. It works best as cific study of one woman willingness to please abuse from men and alike—a book, moreove avoids any plaintive cho-writing is likeable for and kindly quality.

But Mrs Burnley's g. strength lies outside characters altogether. Si evoke place and atmo marvellously with lean, strokes, I remember rockits back. strokes, I remember ro this book. The fact that and her girlfrield Me games with the word, so ing "womb" far "roo soug titles and persons

than coincidence. A consense of the cleverno creedy at work benefit

Facing up to death

Beard's Roman Women wanted and afraid; and man Nahal's impressive By Anthony Burgess (Hutchinson, £4.25) Azadi

By Chaman Nahal (André Deutsch, £4.25) Gropers, or a Splendid View of St Pancras **By Fred Basnett** 

(Gollancz £4.95) Beethoven's Nephew By Luigi Magnani

(W. H. Allen, 23.50) More than twenty-six years spent in constructing a mythology a joint memory-bank, a signalling system of grunt and touch—all gone, wasted." touch—all gone, wasted reflects the hero of Anthony Burgess's new novel, alone and admirt in Rome following the death of his wife Leonors from cirrhosis of the liver; and much of this witty, subtle and immensely sympathetic novel is concerned with facing up to death—one's own, and those of the people one loves and learning to live without the re-assuring familiarities of "t private language, a shared his-

A likeable, boosy very vul-nerable figure, Ronald Beard is a middle-aged scriptwriter specializing in historical extrava-ganges. After Leonora's death penses, ther becomes destine be meets up with an Italian photographer who has recently left her husband, but no sooner has he joined her In

Rome than she leaves to cover the Six Day War.

Left to his own devices.

Beard is heunted by voices and vision from his past. He receives disconcerting tele-phone calls in which Leonora's voice assures him that she is not dead; an old crony from Malaya himself a ghost-like relic from the fag-end of empire, and a wonderfully comic figure—tells him that he

has recently sported ther in Park Lane; he runs into an old flame from 20 years back at Rome airport. Beard's confu-sion and uncertainty are aggragives him only six months to live: yet for all his tribula-tions—which include gang rape at the hands of four insatiable ladies—the novel ends on a heartening, elmost triumphant,

It's a far cry from Ronald Beard's supernatural visitations to the Partition of India in Chaman Nabal's Azadi. Lala Kanshi Ram and his family form part of the Hindu minority in a small Punjabi town. As rumours of communal massacres on both sides of the border filter through in the maker following independent the weeks following independence they reluctantly prepare to leave a familiar setting in which they suddenly feel un-

elegantly written novel their trials and cribulation they are shuffled from refugee camp to anoth; and unwelcoming exile. is less concerned with stress of character than wit fearful implications of politics for whole com ties: the blurb's claim ti "tells more of the truth Partition than any hist study" may well be per

It is always sad to st Mer Hayward attractive writer misdire his talents: all the mon Frankfull when he is as witty and vant as Fred Basnett, v judging by an earlier judging by an earlier
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lore, which irritate at first later become welcome of of refuge. Mr Basnett's as dialogue is, however, in cable: let's hope he write next novel with pruning s to hand It is a relief to turn from garrulity of Gropers to Magnani's attractive account neethoven's agonized, universelectionship with his nephrased and who must have understandably oppressed his uncle's suffocating concern. The novel is concern. The novel is base the composer's letters and

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Jeremy La

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stumbled upon Anatole France, Proust, Gide, Cocteau, Valéry, Rilke, D'Annunzio, Joyce, Eliot, Pound, Hemingway, Fitzgerald, and Gertrude Stein. Not all at

Reviews next week: Paul oux on How it Was, by Welsh Hemingway (on day); Michael Ratcliffe day) : Michael Ratcliffe David Marquand's biograp! Ramsay Macdonald : Life and Loves of Natalie Barney, by George Wickes (W. H. Allen, £5.95). "Natalie Barney is a perfect example of an enchanting person not to write about", but American academics like Mr Wickes, per-Brendon on The Great War by Byron Farwell Thursday). haps because their own lives are so dull, continue to fantasize about what it was like to be an American in Paris in the 1920s. Miss Barney was a Cincinnati lady of immense means with literary and lesbian interests who ran a salon where "all the more presentable dykes in town were on hand' (Truman Capote) and where you might, on a good day, have

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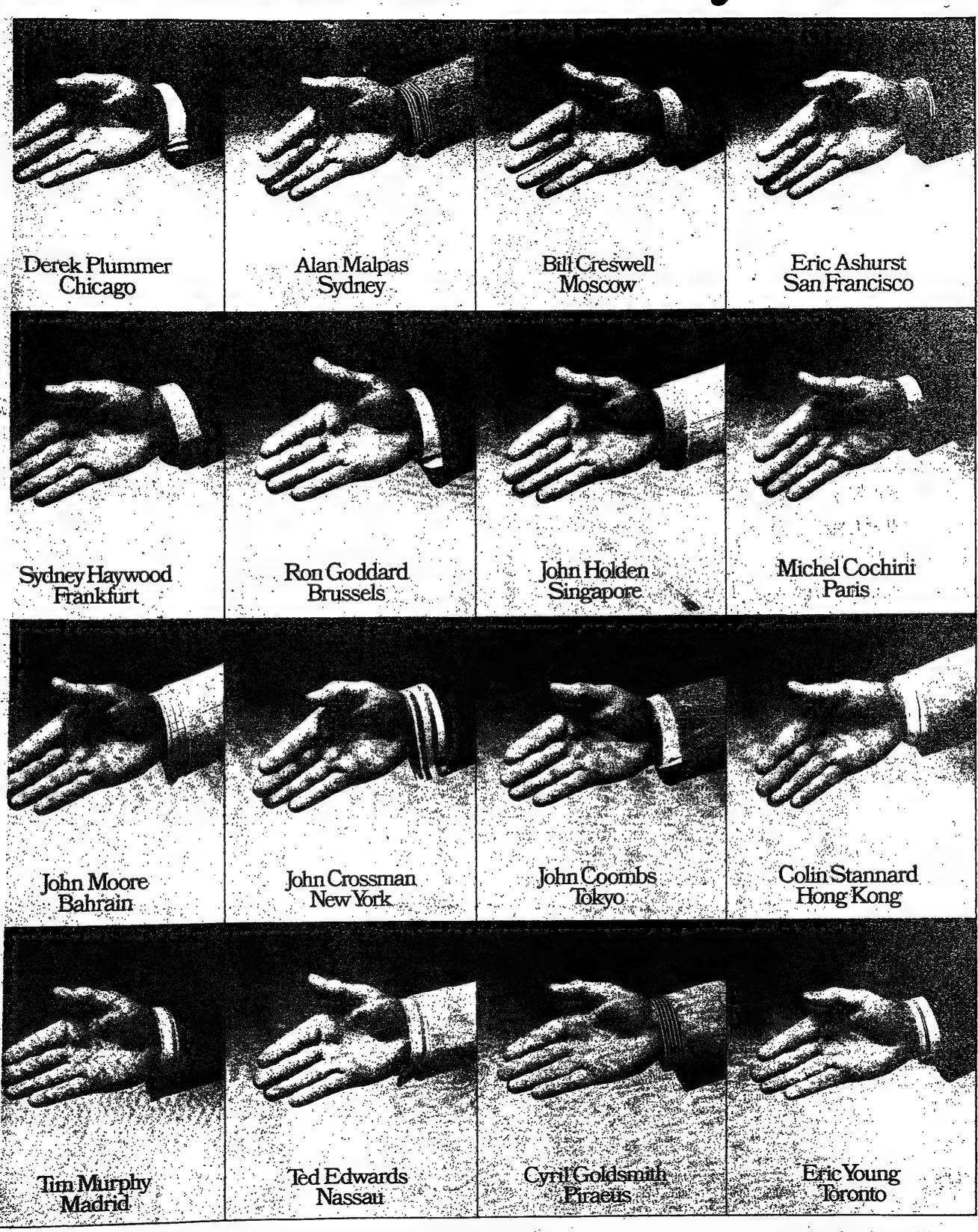
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# Lady Spencer-Churchill: why she and others like her deserve all the help they can get

family heirlooms to raise morey agains is undoubtedly shocking. But rises, her predicament is no different At from a vast number of single elderly widows who are having growing difficulty meeting their

living expenses. Lady Spencer-Churchill is 91. She has been a widow for 12 rears, a very familiar situation in a society where husbands tancy of women is some seven years longer than that of men. Her position is different from that of most widows in Britain

for its scale alone: she lives in a rented flat in Knightsbridge overlooking Hyde Park, for which she pays £900 a year in rates. She has a night nurse, a secretary-companion and some domestic help But in other recal: like many widows she has taken immense pains in recent vears to keep her financial troubles from her family, and like millions of others she has been hit by inflation, taxation and falling investment income. Accustomed to a certain style and comfort, she has suffered particularly from rising fuel costs, dearer food and rates rising at an alarming speed.

Lady Spencer-Churchill's only income, apart from investments, is a state retirement pension of not as fortunate. To qualify for this Sir Winston must have onted to pay state contributions when the scheme was intro-duced in 1948. Had he failed to do so—as many men of his age and in his financial position did—then Lady Spencer-Churchill would not have been entitled to an automatic old age pension at 60.

She would in fact have had to wait until the age of 80 before receiving any form of pension at all, and even then it would have amounted to just £9.45 a week. There are, course, supplementary benefits to cover women in cases of ex-reme hardship—£12.70 a week after rent and rates have been paid, or £15.70 after the age of 60. But one of the constant features of middle-class widows in particular is a sense of shame in applying for supplementary benefits, or simple ignorance of their existence.

Sir Winston left £266,000, which a third went to his wife. fore has a certain amount of investment income—but here particularly she will have been hit by the fact that the tax threshold and allowances have not kept up with inflation.

As a single person she has an allowance of £735 untaxed income. On her unearned investments, like everyone else, she has to pay 35 per cent standard tax on the first £5,000 income (rising to 83 per cent above £20,000), as well as the unearned income surcharge. charge at all for the first £1,500, 10 per cent on the next £500, and 15 per cent on the rest.
A fixed, if not dropping income, has therefore been matched by sharply rising costs. Nowhere is this more notice-able than with heating bills, where the cost of electricity has more than doubled in the past two years. The reaction of many widows faced by these bills has simply been to use less heating at the time in their lives when they could do with more. A woman on sup-plementary benefits, or registered as disabled, can apply for a heating allowance—but for this her income has to be below

in the way of capital.
Rent and rates have presented growing problems, all the harder to handle because, unlike food and heating they cannot be avoided. A number of companies now offer schemes allowing elderly widows to buy annuities against their houses. The Save and Prosper Group lend widows over the aze of 70 a maximum of £25,000 against the freehold or long lease of their house or flat. After applying for tax relief at the higest rate on the loan in-terest a widow over 70 can get £423 a year on a house valued

the standard pension rate, and

she must have virtually nothing

There are just over three to her estate which in turn million widows in Britain—but has to pay off the loan. The only half that number of advantage in such a scheme is widowers. The revelation this that it takes into account ris-week that Lady Spencer-ing market values of property: week that Lady Spencer ing market values of property: Churchill is having to sell a widow can borrow more against the house as its value

At the other end of the scale the State system paradoxi-cally favours widows who are better housed, over ones living in one-room flats. Rather than move a woman lodged in a three-roomed flat when her husband dies, the Department of Health and Social Security older than their sometimes prefers to meet the wives, and where life expect rent and rates of her home in ceutral London, rather than try to rehouse her in a one-room flat on the outskirts.

Health, however, is probably the single most decisive factor in any elderly person's life. While in good health many widows prefer to try to make ends meet, relying on kind friends and family for occasic...al help. But when health fails, the situation becomes drastic. Nursing care at home is coo exhorbitant to be considered. The alternatives can

sidered. The alternatives can be grim.

It is here that charities providing for the elderly probably play their greatest part. A widow applying for a place in a private nursing home can claim supplementary benefit from the DHSS (though to do the must have less than The Conservatives voted against it because none of them likes the form of this Bill and because, in their hearts, the Tory majority doubts whether any devolution is possible which does not involve stepping on the slippery slope towards separa-tion. The Liberal majority voted saginst it because, though they are devolutionists, they recognized that this kind so she must have less than £1,250 capital). She will then receive £21 a week towards board and lodging (this varies from area to area and is as low as £11 a week in Wales); an of devolution, without tax-raising powers for the Scottish extra allowance of £2.75 for long-term stays; an allowance of £3.50 for "care and attention" and £4.60 a week pocket money. This comes to £31.85.

The cheapest weekly place in a nursing home however now comes to between £50 and £55 for a stay of £55. Assembly, and without proportional representation, made no sense to them. Many in the Labour Party voted against it because they see the movement which they represent as indivisible in Britain and therefore do not want Britain frag-mented. for a shared room, and E70 for a single room, and costs rise the time. At the top end It is also widely recognized that the Government's Bill was a compromise dictated by the wish of Sir Harold Wilson's administration to get out of a

of the scale a single room in a nursing home can come to £200 a week. What this means is that without the help of the charities, no widow without a generous private income can

generous private income can afford a room in a private nursing home at all.

But the role of charities extends well beyond help with nursing fees. They can, for instance, give gifts of up to £50 for heating grants in winter, or towards special diets, pay the rental and licence of a television set (black and a television set (black and white only, colour being deemed a luxury), and contribute to repair a leaking roof. The main trouble here is that many people do not know who to apply to, and that in any case many of the charities are specifically designed to help in certain instances only.

Some for example were founded to help widows of men from certain trades or profession; others deal only with the Services; others again have strict middle class require-ments (like the Guild of Aid for Gentlepeople, or the Society for the Assistance of Ladies in Reduced Circumstances). Very few, like the Elderly Invalids Fund, or Cruse (whose name comes from the widows' cruse) are able and willing to take on all cases. The position of widows in general is enormously complicated so complicated in fact that many of these chari-ties believe that their main role is more that of advisory service than charitable institutions. What to apply for and to whom. is something that baffles even employees in DHSS offices.

Perhaps, curiously, younger widows—there are half a million widows under 54—are in many ways better off than elderly women, who face on their husband's death a sharply reduced standard of living precisely at the moment when family they are anxious not to impinge upon, and all the growing anxieties about health, loneliness and money that accompany old age. And it is at the very moment when a widow most fears—rightly or wrongly —that her money will not see her out, and that she is becoming a growing burden on her family, that she needs not less, but more money for heat-ing and food and small comforts. It is these women, baffled by inflation, stricken by loneli-ness, who deserve all the support and sympathy they can

### Ronald Butt

# Devolution: How MPs exposed the old parliamentary 'confidence' trick

he privately admitted basically and written for years about the bored him-and it was a compromise nobody loved. The mons, it has demonstrated its truth has begun to dawn on many people that there is no The House has shown that it is devolution that makes real sense able to deny the Government short of federalism itself, for the right to push through a which, if it were practical, there might be something to be said But the case against this Bill was that nobody could really predict which way it would lead—and that is not the sort The devolution Bill is one of Bill which ought to be railroaded by a timetable motion through Parliament.

However, quite apart from the devolution question itself, the defeat of the guillotine, with the prospective loss of the Bill, is also a reminder that, when it comes down to logical analysis, there really is no reason at all why a government should be able to expect that it should get every bit of its legislation through by the trick of attach-ing a concept of "confidence" to it. It is perhaps to the Gov-ernment's credit that it did not try to do so on this occasion, though it is probably even more a tribute to the government's realism in recognizing that it would not get away with it if it did.

Only two things are constitutionally necessary for a government to stay in office. The first is that the House of Commons should grant it the supply necessary for the government to carry on the essential business of governing.

The second condition is an extension of the first: to stay in power, a government has to be given a vote of confidence if it feels it necessary to ask for one, or if it is challenged on one. Like the control of supply, this is also its method of either approving or not approving of government's general policies the major policy for which e government exists. What is a major policy in this

Whatever else the Government exists for, it was not to implement this devolution Bill, on which it got hooked by a series of accidents

> sense? That is not an easy the Commons had had their question to answer. A government's major policy is, perhaps, what a government thinks to be its major policy. It is by an extension of this idea that governments, particularly in this century, have chosen to blud-geon their followers into sur-porting them on almost every Bill they produce, by implying that confidence attaches to it. Confidence in this sense means an implicit threat that if this or that piece of legislation is defeated in the Commons, the government will go to the country.

According to some of the tex-books, it is this threat that drives MPs to fall into line, for fear that, if they do not, there will be an election in which they will lose their seats. But of course, there is always a great deal of bluff and empty theory in this notion, since the large proportion of the governing party who receive the patronage of major and minor government office would have much more to lose than backbenchers if the government resigned, or went to the country and lost.

However, either the bluff itself or, more precisely, some kind of unthinking reflex action to it, has usually worked suffi-ciently for all sorts of legislation to get on to the statute book which, if a majority of

way, and were free to vote according to their convictions, might have been lost. There are different reasons at different times why the backbenchers of the majority party feel obliged to accept what they dislike-and sometimes it is genuinely because the govern-ment's whole credibility is at

I doubt, for instance, whether

the last Conservative govern-ment's incomes policy legislation would have ever become law, with all the momentous consequences it had for that party, if the considerable minority of Tory backbenchers who disliked and distrusted it had felt free to vote against it. It is also possible that some of the Labour Party's nationalization measures would never have reached the statute book had a Labour minority been free to yote according to its convictions

However, there are measures and policies so dear to any party's heart that life in office without them is not worth having and it must be the party majority that determines what such policies are. (If the minority does not like this, it either has to go elsewhere or soldier on and try to moderate the policies from inside, which is what the social democrats have done.) A party that is absolutely has to. I denied the things which, above destroy its credibi all others, it thinks itself in business to achieve is entitled to ask what is the point of retaining the empty trappings of office. Few politicians are so mean-spirited to want only

Obviously, a government's wish to attach a vote of confidence to those propositions which it regards as crucial is sensible; if it cannot do what it exists to do, it should go. In the present case, of course, was no reason for making the guillotine a question of confidence. Whatever else the present Government exists for, it was not to implement this devolution Bill, on which it got itself hooked by a series of maladroit accidents and which many in the Government actively dislike.

Now this curious episode is over, what can the Government's real business be said to be henceforth? The answer is simple: it is to continue its efforts to check inflation, manage the economy and promote a sensible accord with the unions. Its success so far may be questionable, but that is what it exists to do. It has no other major legislation it can produce in its remaining time, except the necessary Bill for direct elections to the European Parliament, which is also an embarrassing one.

But why should Labour wish to carry on with a hard eco-nomic fight, in which all its cherished programmes have to be subordinated to the needs of the battle, when it is likely that, if it has successes, they will accrue to the Conserva-tives wto are more likely to win the next election? The answer is in the nature of politics. A political party cannot of running the show, unless it

serious political fo therefore entitled t the fight over the long as it can, and t tion defeat does not But the rejection of ant things.

The first is the f Government's which will be still m now that it will be the nationalists' sur have no longer any will be anxious to g to the polls quickly by-election defeats co erode the Governmen Carry on.

Secondly, there can little doubt that it healthy for our polit House of Commons free more often to vo of its members with it down if they vote a

Of course, the need a party on major gro-stomach some minor of parliamentary pol should I like to see. based on the sepa: legislative and powers; our own i system seems to me overriding advantage country which is not federation of states, as is. But a convenio freedom to vote on Over devolution, Mr ( now has a chance to the plain will of the Commons. It is a prin

# The Japanese see a European failure in their success

Japan is a country where nationalist emotions have been repressed for the last three decades. A visit to Tokyo lis-tening to ministers, civil ser-vants, the leading businessmen in Keidanren (Japan's equiva-lent of the CBI), the Japan trade centre and others particularly concerned with British trade revealed how emotions have been roused by the con-frontation over Japanese exports to Britain and the EEC. There is a real sense of

So, after all that has been said

weakness of the House of Com-

power on a matter of funda-

piece of constitutional legisla-

tion whose consequences had

increasingly come to seem in-calculable to those who were

about which nobody, not even the Government which pro-

moted it, has been happy. That

the Commons were showing an

absolutely correct historic

instinct in rejecting the devolu-tion guillotine, which means that the devolution Bill itself

will almost certainly fail to become law, I do not doubt for a moment. The fact that the

various groups which voted against it had widely differing

motives in no way diminishes the rightness of the decision.

asked to enact it.

mental importance for Britain.

The Nixon "shock" of 1971 could be resolved by Japan's own switch of China policy, moving farther and faster than Nixon himself. The oil "shock" of 1973 hit Japan harder than most but that, too, has been more than balanced by increased exports. But then last autumn came the trade "shock" and that has left a mark that will not easily be removed. "We don't like going to Brussels to face threats and ultimatums: what have we done wrong but to be successful?" That about sums up the reaction.

Since last October however the sharp edge of these quar-rels has been smoothed by compromise and so far as Britain is concerned the Japanese feel that they have already arranged some satisfactory cou-cessions. They insist that they do not want a trade war; their natural search for compromise as a way out of any problem will go on. Of course the complaints and the misunderstanding are not only on the Japanese side. The western exporter finds the Japanese market pre-sents real and often unique problems. The imbalance of trade is matched by an imba-lance of knowledge. Rather than grappling with the detail of cars, colour TV or ball-bear-ings it may be helpful to look at the problem of Japan's rela-tions with Europe in its historical context since that has direct relevance to present Japanese attitudes to trade.

The historical context in which all Japanese see their relations with the western world Caroline Moorehead dates from the second half of the nineteenth century with

Japan's turnabout from being a closed country to one seeking tary and industrial power. Many of the ideas that took shape then still govern Japanese thinking now. This may be hard for Europeans to grasp; their nationalism rarely runs beyond a 30-year spect; beyond that the historians take over and historians nowadays are no longer passionate nationalists. For the Japanese however the last century, since the shock of stern intrusion, remains

Nor has the century seen relations with the West finally resolved. Questions that could be buried in the fifties and sixties have lately been bothering the Japanese as they sense a change in the international climate in the seventies. Deeply embedded in this

century of unresolved reaction to the West are some ideas directly affecting the current trade imbalance. Equality with the West meant industrializacion, meant Japanese ability to make anything they needed themselves and consequently made the import of manufactured goods a reflection on their ability and thus to be avoided. To import such goods meant that Japan was still lagging behind. The postwar burst of successful economic growth has only emphasized Japan's industrial confidence. Another belief dating from

the nineteenth century was that imported goods—Hakurai, the sea-borne goods—were by nature exotic, rare and for the few. Foreign goods were first class and thus very expensive; indeed authentic only if they were expensive and thereby endowing the purchaser with

That this attitude still survives was amply borne out from present evidence. British on sale in Japan now, lade, were uniformly three or four or even five times as much as their British price whereas the Japanese car, for example, sells in Bratain at about the same price as it does



Buying British: but there is too much emphasis on "luxury" imports in the Japanese market.

Time after time civil servants, ministers and businessmen talked hopefully about increasing their imports of consumer goods from Britain, often going on to point out that

on the Japanese mass market, being "luxury items" there was obviously a limited mar-By now the argument over trade restrictions has gone some way to break down these attitudes. It is admitted that

unlike most industrialized countries whose trade with each other runs to 50 or 60 per cent in manufactured goods Japan's similar trade is no more than 20 per cent If the point has been taken can western exporters break in to the Japanese market? The Japanese answer is: yes, if they take the same trouble with our market that we do with theirs—careful market research, building up of a distribution system, organizing servicing facilities, stocking up with spares, ample advertising, and all this taking years before sales really begin. In the Japanese mind the

imbalance of trade is matched by other, concealed but hurtful imbalances. A reminder of this when our party of British journalists was taken to Hiroshima there to see not just the Peace Park, amoothing over the past, but the museum of the bomb with its heartrending blown-up photographs burnt, shattered people, their clothes hanging about them like beggars' rags, baffled, suffering and helpless." "here is the foreigners visitors book", says the Japanese guide, "will you please add your comment". Would they have dropped it on the Germans? The question is in-escapable. One looks around and imagines every Japanese saying it to themselves. That is what the Japanese are thinking about the trade imbalance now: would they have made the same fuse or issued the same ultimatums about an im-balance of German or American exports?

There is another unhappy misunderstanding in this argument that needs to be corrected on the Japanese side. Japan is a country in which nation and society are one and in which national objectives— sensed and diffused rather than transmitted from on high-remain the core of the social consensus. The Japanese are all in it together. They do not feel themselves to be a Class-ridden society, despite an automatic and unbroken respect for hierarchy. Thus

they give such an ir of a united front in a negotiations that the been likened by Euro totalitarian states.

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# The Times Diary

### One sure thing in uncertainty

Professor John Kenneth Galin the flesh than he does on braith, the hugely tall economist the small screen, and is a dry, who is currently trying to witty and good-humoured man, explain money to us in a 13-part television series, does not have much faith in the future adversary in the economic ring. of the capitalist society, with the notable exception of himself. Galbraith gave a party vesterday for the publication of his book, upon which the tele-vision series is based, a surefire tie-up which every true capitalist from Adam Smith onwards would surely approve man, before whom Galbraith

In spite of widespread criti-cism of the series, The Age of Uncertainty, for making up in visual pyrotechnics what Galbraith lacks in personality, the emeritus professor from Harvard is certain to make a killing with the book of the same name, if precedent is anything to go by. Lord Clark, Alistair Cooke, and the late Jacob Bron-owski all found themselves with best-sellers on their hands after doing their television block-

Galbraith comes over better a television series ".

The learned professor, who wisely has a second home in Switzerland, was pounced on and grilled about his predictions for the future of our own age of uncertainty. He stoutly defended incomes policy, but thought an unemployment level of at least 2.5 million might have to become a fact of life. "The people in the City who are so keen on 2 monetary policy are the first people to sell sterling when there is any threat to an incomes policy" adversary in the economic ring. Milton Friedman. "I have read he declared, in what was assumed to be a thinly-disguised dig at his adversary, Professor Friedman's pamphlet on Gaibraith; I assume that's what he got the Nobel Prize for."

Galbraith had two unexpected Jate arrivals at his party: The launching was attended Edward Heath, another successby squads of BBC acolytes, and Sir Michael Swann, the chairful author, who immediately engaged in close conversation with the professor on the subwas understandably fulsome. "All British institutions are under attack these days, a technique you learned from us ject of hundreds of thousands of copies; and Shirley Williams, who has not written a best-Americans. We have the CIA, you have the kitchen Cabinet and Joe Haines. I wish you would exclude the BBC from all this; in the United States the BBC is loved indiscriminately." This has not provided. seller but who may be in need of a few tips on how to finance changes in educational policy. Andre Deutsch, who is pub-lishing Galbraith's book jointly ately." This has not prevented with the BBC, was telling every-one how the television series Mrs Galbraith from writing an article for an American film magazine on what she called was based on the book, and not the other way round. "At least in the book,", says Deutsch with evident satisfaction, "nothing moves." the improbable procedures with which the BBC produces

All that business with love and 15 must have upset their calculators. The Wimbledon
Lawn Tennis Museum, offering
a Wimbledon championships
centenary tie, say: "The price
is £2.50, plus postage and packing in Great Britain of 20p Total cost £2.80." The deuce

### Tasty

You have to be at the peak of firness to take part in a wine tasting contest. Yesterday was the day of the inter-Varsity match at the sport, and one of the Oxford team scratched at the last moment, totally incapacitated, he claimed, by a cold in the head.

The teams train for the event almost as strenuously as their more muscular colleagues do for the Boat Race. "We arrange at least eight blind tastings for practice a term", said a Cambridge tippler enthusiastically, this week we have been going at it hammer and tongs, swotting up for the big day". swotting up for the big day".

The turn in wine at Cambridge University is Dr Denis Marrian, a chemistry don from Trinity who had charge of Prince Charles when he was up. "I imagine our practice tasting supplies have set us back about £50 or £60", he said, "but the undergraduates

make a big contribution them-selves. They take it very seriously, and can literally talk about wine non-stop for several hours, they are so interested ". His rival from Oxford, Dr Bryan Wilson, reader in sociology and custodian of the cellars at All Souls, had coached his team less: "Really they know as much about it as I do. Cambridge are more ruthless about these things. They really go out to win, you know ".

The contest itself was held in strict examination conditions" in Harvey's cellars.
"Knowledge of their wine list helps more than anything", confided one of the Oxford men, "because all the wines men, "because all the wines come from here". Some of his colleagues had more technical notions though, and carefully dabbed small fingertips of wine on to sheets of clean paper to see how the colours compared when they dried. "That's likely to tell you more about the paper than the wine", scoffed their opponents.

They mostly mistook a Graves for a St Julien or a Paudlac, were all thrown by a 1973 claret which they took to be much older, and turned their noses up at some Sauvignou whites. In the end it was found that Oxford had won, appropriately, by a nose—seven points in 600.

relations person, received a letter from a firm which claimed they had a new mailing list of the top 3,000 companies in the Arab World and Iran "and we can reach the managing director by name". The letter was indeed addressed to her by her correct name, but it began: "Dear Sir . . .". I suppose in the Arab world this difficulty seldom arises.

Elizabeth-Ann Colvill, a public

### Card vote

At the very same hour representatives of the Houses of Commons and Lords were pitted against each other in a pastime similarly taxing, their annual bridge match at the Carlton Tower hotel.

While the parliamentarians contemplated their bids in a hushed room on the sixteenth floor, there drifted up from below the muted blare of loudspeaker vans in the street making a last attempt to excite voters over the by-election in the City of London and West-minster South today.

There are obvious similarities in the comparative comfort of bridge and wine tassing as sports. Tim Sainsbury, the Con-servative MP for Hove who was playing bridge for the Commons yesterday, confessed that he



had once captained Oxford at wine tasting too.
They were loatine that bridge was clinist though, or even a particularly apr game for politicians. "It is relaxing", said Tony Berry, MP, "but at

With the exception of Lever, by common commost gifted player on side, the Commons wer sented entirely by C tives. The Lords turn badly under strength. The badly under strength. To of Marlborough was abs Lord (formerly Reggie of Northampton had would come only if the not good enough for hu. The remaining peer rather a drubbing, saw from ultimate ignomin revoke by Sarly Oppenhic Conservative spokesm consumer affairs. Ocards are banned in the of Commons and the omon which our legisland on which our legislation on which our legislation on which our legislation on which the state of the state of

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### HE FIRST HOME RULE BILL IS DEAD

r members of Parliament that it will not be possible s the Devolution Bill in its it form through the it House of Commons. That t surprising. Even the ters of the Bill admitted was defective, and that would on its terms be a ity of conflict between the inster Parliament and the ed Scottish Assembly. The coposed the wrong system tion and had no solution problem of finance. Yet it iot these defects which and the guillotine motion, the resentment of English

vars that Scotland should dvantages denied to their onstituents. failure of the guillotine · I ls a very serious political for the Government. The tion Bill was a central re of this session of nent. It provided a reason the Nationalists should ue to support the Governso long as it stood a able\_chance of passing aw. That reason has now emoved, and the Scottish alists say that they would

o bring the Government as quickly as possible. to a does not mean that there an immediate collapse of overnment or a general n inside the next few s; it does make it unlikely he Government will be carry on for the period iteen months to two years the Prime Minister would aly have liked. Mr een much reduced; the of his administration has nuch weakened.

constitutional issue is important than the politi-The question of Scotland's In their Succession of the online and disappear because found be called the first hand Rule Bill could

carried through a parti-'arliament. The future of b home rule depends very upon the will of the h people. If there is a g and increasingly deterdemand for devolution, full independence, then emand will have 'to be f there is a second Home till, that will have to be s but more far reaching the present one. Any find a formula

doing nothing will certainly fail and would merely irritate Scottish opinion. The inadequacies of the Labour Bill will not be remedied by making it more feeble or more anomalous.

It is indeed desirable that there should be a constitutional conference. But such a conference will now need to take into account the constitutional requirements of the whole of the United Kingdom and not merely of Scotland. The lesson of this Bill must be learnt. It is that devolution for such an important part of the United Kingdom as Scotland must be related to constitutional development in the whole of the United Kingdom. Our constitution must continue to be symmetrical, because if symmetry is discarded the least favoured section will reject the scheme which disadvantages them. It was the Labour members who repre-

sented disadvantaged English

constituencies who passed sentence of death on this III.E35UFE. This means that any devolved system to be acceptable has to be federal in character, because only a federal system offers equal benefits to all parts of the community. Britain can have unitary government or federal government, but we cannot have a unitary government for England and a federal govern-ment for Scotland and Wales. It is possible to have a federal system in which some of the

federated states are nations and the other are regions. That is the situation in the Federal Republic of Germany where Bavaria, like Scotland, is a separate nation with a strong sense of national history and identity, and its own political attitudes, but most of the Lander are regional rather than national in their character.

The first question the English will have to decide is whether they want to have a federation or not. For England the attraction of a federation would be that it would permit the continued unity of the United Kingdom; it would provide for the demands of Scotland. The establishment of a federal constitution would also include a Bill of Rights for which there is some genuine demand. The South of England. which is predominantly Conservative in its politics, would be rule, a history we seem quite able to construct a society nearer likely to repeat.

revolt by thirty-seven between the present Bill and to its real wishes in those matters which were devolved to the regions.

As against this there are strong national pressures for uniformity and for centralization. The idea of a federated state of Wessex, as prosperous as an English Switzerland, with a Conservative Prime Minister and a Liberal Leader of the Opposition, pur-suing policies of educational excellence and public thrift, and looking to Salisbury as its capital, is an attractive one. It is certainly the necessary English equivalent to a Scotland governed from Edinburgh while remaining inside the United Kingdom But is such a concept strong enough to overcome the forms of inertia, bureaucra equality, all at once? bureaucracy and

It is not obvious that the English would be willing to sacrifice their own unity for the sake of maintaining the unity of the United Kingdom. The logical sequence of questions runs in this way. The first is: federation or no federation? If no federation, then the questions are: Scotland to stay in, or go

independent? Wales, in or out? The Government were right to endeavour to meet the strong feeling for devolution in Scot-land, if wrong in the way they tried to meet it. They have proved that you can no more have two constitutions, one for England and one for Scotland, than you could maintain the United States, half slave and half free. The Government's attempt at a devolution Bill has itself established that there is no majority support for a system which is federal in respect of the minority nations but unitary in respect of the largest nation. That leaves the question of a general federation now to be determined. There are powerful arguments for moving in that direction, but it must be some time before the British people fully appreciate what the question is, let alone feel sure that they know their own minds on how the question should be answered. The danger is that they will take too long, as constitutional changes almost always do. By the time England is ready for a federal solution, Scotland may have lost patience with any solution that maintains the United Kingdom. That, after all, was the history of Irish home

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Return to free collective bargaining

From Sir : Keith Joseph, MP for Leeds, North East (Conservative) Sir, My friend Lord Caldecote wants: (Letters, February 16) to "smoke out" those who favour a return to free collective bargaining. I, for one, am ready to stand up and be

I disagree with Lord Caldocore because I cannot accept his premise that incomes policy and the social contract are economically beneficial. I argue that these arrangements, far from helping the economy, are a root cause of the inflation, unemployed root cause of the initation, unemployment, stagnation and balance of payments crises which have plagued us over the past two years. If these measures are continued, the ills will be intensified.

ills will be intensified.

Let me restate my reasons. First, the halving of the very high inflation rate experienced during Labour's first 18 months cannot be ascribed to the formal incomes policy/social contract of 1975—but to the predictable and predicted lagged result of the sharp deceleration in the money supply growth imposed by Ted Heath and Tony Barber in late 1973, leading to reduced economic activity and reduced economic activity and reduced demand for labour.

Union conduct increasingly recognized that jobs were vulnerable, although rescues and job preserva-tion subsidies by the Government, again as part of the social contract, discouraged restraint is some cases. Moreover, the norm imposed by

the Government and unions, while lower than some groups and executives would have obtained,

executives—would have obtained, was higher than many groups would have got.

The quid pro quo to the unions for the "restraint", which they would in most cases have observed anyway, included price and dividend controls, threatening jobs and expansion; lavish government spending leading to huge borrowing, with disastrous results for sterling; damaging legislation and increased damaging legislation and increased taxation, destroying incentives at all

Yet Lord Caldecote urges that we continue the social contract for fear of massive pay increases otherwise. But can massive pay increases be widespread when Mr Healey has put—and promised the DMF to maintain-a ring fence of monetary restraint round the economy? As Mr. Healey explained at Leeds on January 4, "Wages can only rise above the level permitted by the

above the level permitted by the supply of money at the cost of throwing people out of work."

In the private sector, particularly where management has explained the realities to employees, this truth will be generally recognized. But excessive wage increases could destroy firms, and it is understandable that some employers would prefer an "incomes policy" defence

against wage claims. But this attitude could be fatal. Every ounce of relief for private sector management in their wage and labour relations will be bought through the social contract by erosion of their viability and independence. What is Bullock but

independence. What is Sullock but yet another part of the price for incomes policy? That is why private firms have no choice but to conduct their own wage bargaining if the private sector is to survive. There is no room for further retreat. of course the real worry remains the state sector—which includes public pensioners like Leyland and Govan Shipyarda. But the Government in relation to the public sec-

tor will be subject to the monetary ring fence also. So long as the Government de-celerates monetary growth, it will above inflation and will have no need to buy incomes policy. Both Lord Coldecote on the Chancellor agree that anything more than modest pay ircreases must lead to higher unemployment. What leads them to suppose that union leaders and their members are any less

canable of understanding the facts?

Lord Caldecote admits that "a permanent rigid incomes policy" is impracticable in a democracy, yet impracticable in a democracy, yet he urges that we continue with incomes policy. But a non-rigid incomes policy is a contradiction in terms. And, for those who want another year, will it be any easier then to evericate ourselves—with the distortions, disincentives and other penalties of the social contract festering and intensifying? It will be more difficult, not less, to dismount from the tiger.

iemornt from the tiger. Mr Healey criticizes me for sorceing on this subject with some Com-munist union leaders. But why not? Since the Government's policies con-tain irreconcilable convradictions they cannot but be reflected in union attitudes. Some union leaders think primarily of their members' interests—short or long term; some are primarily political and see in-comes policy/social convect as a means of extending Socialist power; hers reject this path to Socialism because it seems too circuitous or hecause they remperamentally favour traditional class structle or because competition inside the left predicates "lefter than thou" struces regardless.

I, by contrast, oppose because I do not want the market economy destroyed, be it in the manner of Russian bear or British bullock. If Mr Healey is really concerned at an "unhaly alliance" with the

Communists, he would do well to look nearer home. Yours faithfully, KEITH JOSEPH, February 23.

### Rebuilding the inner cities

From Sir Frank Marshall
Sir, The older "Industrial Revolution" areas which contemporaneously emerged have obsolesced

contemporaneously.

The removal of their inner city cores to make way for six-lane urban highways and other not unrelated artifacts of "planning" also remove many medium-sized businesses which, in default of Industrial Development Certificates either moved away or closed down either moved away or closed down altogether. So, by purchase (com-pulsory or otherwise) the local authorities (whose appetite histori-cally outstrips their digestion—as hir G. W. Mason. (February 21) rightly says) fell heir 10 much valuable urban land.

Since then there has been neither the political will nor the financial resources to renew the fabric of urban life. The policy for new towns

effectively saw to that.

Now fresh awareness may spur
the political will, but the combined
resources of local and central sovernment are quite unequal to such a daunting task.

It would surely be better for local authorities to make a present

of such land (in parcels according to requirement) to anyone able and willing to develop it within the discipline of an over all inner city plan (which would include commercial development to provide jobs and thus help sustain the economy of the area as a whole) than to contemplate for much longer these urban deserts.

Yours, etc, FRANK MARSHALL, Wigton Manor, Manor House Lane, Alwoodley, Leeds. February 22.

From the President of the Royal Town the Fresheld of the Royal Town Planning Institute Sir, In their letter of February 16, Professor West and Mr David Young complain that it is difficult to convince the ordinary layman that the planting system has failed.

This is a remarkable tribute to the common sense of the ordinary man who is bombarded on all sides by fashionable criticisms of planners and planning.

The ordinary layman is, one hopes, still impressed by the fact that 40 per cent of all housing has been built in the past 30 years; that the worst slums have been visibly eradicated from our great cities; that our New Towns have interaccisim and that our national countryside, conservation and retional parks policies have saved a large part of our heritage for posterity.

The ordinary layman is not naive.

He knows that planners propose but politicians dispose. If there have been mistakes in the past (and I believe their extent is much exaggerated) they have been mistakes made by society as a whole and not by any one group of people or any

by any one group of people or any one system.

Most of our really intractable problems are intractable because of the lack of resources to meet the perceived needs. I find it hard to believe that changes in the planning system will release any new resources or make solutions exist. resources or make solutions easier to achieve.

Yours faithfully, TOHN K. BOYNTON President, The Royal Town Planning Institute, County Hall, February 23.

From Lord Taylor of Harlow Sir, The suggestion that failure to rebuild the centres of our great cities is due in some way to the creation of New Towns is untrue, New Towns are one of the relatively few success stories in Britain since the last war. Not only have they rehoused over 850,000 people and provided them with admirable working conditions and an effective social environment; they have done this at a good financial return to the nation. This remarkable achievement is due to their sound administrative structure and to the fact that they were operating largely

in virgin territory.

New Towns were created partly
to make possible the reconstruction of the centres of our great cities. In London, densities of over 200 people to the acre rising to over 400 to the acre in some inner core areas were by no means uncommon. It was from such areas of overcrowding and physical decay that the New Towns drew much of their population. Densities of this order make good family life impossible; as Professor Abertromble raught us, massive export of population was an essential before reconstruction

could begin. The failure of the reconstruction of the central core of the great cities is partly due to the complexities of land ownership; but it must, in all honesty, be partly ascribed to the cumbersome development machinery of the municipal authorities. Attempts to attribute the failures of elected municipalities to the success of appointed New Towns are both untrue and unfair. Yours faithfully

TAYLOR OF HARLOW, House of Lords.

February 19.

### ES SILENCE LEND SUPPORT?

ride protests and contion by hastily inventing glo-American-Zionist plot ade Uganda from an aircarrier. The scenario is ized from the Republic in-formerly Dahomey-

however, some actors ired to perform the script. otive is very obvious. He to make sure that the n states support him offiin the Organisation of n Unity, in the United is and (if possible) in the onwealth, as they did over rticipation in the hijacking e Israeli aircraft, using voting power in the United

is to prevent his condem-In private they were delighted by his utter lation at the hands of the is, but publicly they adto a convention that Airitates must support each against all outsiders, on

1d every issue.

y would allege rampant ism if the white-skinned were to unite to defend eeds of Rhodesia or South a. They must put up with heir present conspiracy of a on President Amin is d as hypocrisy by the outworld. It is hypocrisy, yet eds to be understood. It in large part from African urity and paranoia: from tragility of most African nments and the night-fears ise who (temporarily) wear rown. Because most Afrifrom other ruling groups' misgovernment, tribalism and perse-

cution, who sometimes succeed engineering a coup, the " ins " do have an informal trade union against the "outs", and non-interference in each others' domestic affairs is reverenced far more in the OAU charter than in the UN charter. To abandon it would unleash incalculable forces — there are examples already.

No doubt Presidents Nyerere and Kenyatta hope the world will note that their newspapers have attacked General Amin unreservedly, and this could not territory. They, and the OAU, will probably hope that Amin will now become more discreet

in his methods. Yet there are reasons why the Africans should reconsider their posture. It is perhaps one thing to keep silent when an African brutalizes an African tvrant population. It is surely another when a group of non-Africans do the same under an African aegis. The OAU was sufficiently

to eradicate the "dangerous myths" associated with the vague and unsatisfactory word "race".

demic as well as popular usage.

Sir, It is astonishing to one who spent several reluctant years study-ing the textual criticism of classical

Greek verse that none of your cor-

respondents, distressed as they are by Keats's apparent liking for sparkling red wine, should have hit

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Yours truly, KENNETH KIRKWOOD,

What Keats drank

From Mr H. F. Ėllis

St Antony's College,

February 21.

ent Amin has reacted to can countries harbour refugees worried about the Cubans in Luanda to mount a mission of enquiry. It is time they began to pay attention to the group of Libvans, Palestinians, Sudanese and Saudi Arabians who increasingly sit at the controls in Kampala. The General Service Unit, which is manned by Sudanese as well as Ugandan Moslems is now as much their instrument of power as it is Amin's. They are technically indispensable, but they are also doing very well out of the army's plunder and intimidation of the

> There may be fanatics who see in this situation a natural contiquation of Islamic southwards

Ugandan Christiaus.

penetration of black Africa. But this is not the view of Ugandans who can speak out, and it was very proper for the Uganda Action Group, a respectable association of Ugandans in exile that includes former officials and members of parliament, to send a warning telegram to the Secretary-General of the Arab League protesting that President Amin is exploiting Islam for his own irreligious ends. So far the silence over Amin's regime extends to the Moslem world, and a repudiation of the aid that it is getting from certain Middle East states would do good. It cannot serve the ends of any religion to seem indifferent to the inhumanities of the Amin regime, and it is time that the African states began to ask just who they are helping when they turn an official blind eye to ever uglier developments in Uganda.

Strain on Ministers From Mrs Hector McNeil .

Sir, I have just been distening to Shirley Williams on whether the strain on Ministers is causing their premature deaths. With some of her points I agree, with others I don't. But. I do agree that many men in public life die at an early age through overwork—Hugh Gaitskell, Tony Crosland, Iain Macleod.

I have always maintained that my late husband, Hector NcNeil, died at the age of 48 from overwork. His death was almost a carbon copy of Tony Crosland's, one of his col-leagues. I have watched Mrs Cros-land's agony with more than ordinary sympathy and understand-ing. Her husband was dashing about the world with little time even to pack his bags—she, no doubt, did that for him; he was kept out of his bed by all night sittings due to the small majority in the flouse; he then had to read his Cabiner papers before getting any rest and had to be in his office early, and also look

after his constituency. All this was applicable in my husband's case when he was Secre-tary of State for Scotland in the 1950/51 Attlee Government. At that time there was a majority of six and Winston Churchill made a point of forcing all night sittings with a view to bringing down the Government— which he could have done as there was then no real coalition, as today, of Liberals, Scottish Nationalists, Welsh Nationalists, two Irish MPs

The Falkland Islands

Sir. The first reactions to the Gov

I have never met an Argentine

who does not feel passionately about the Falkland Islands. Indeed, in a

bitterly divided country, this is a

theme which unites everyone, from far left to far right. Depending on the political views of the Argentine, views are advanced—ranging from imperialism to infiltration—on why

Britain remains in the Falklands. (No one, in Britain or in Argentina,

seems to realize that the islands are basically barren, with one industry

sheep farming—dominated by a semi-feudal monopoly.) Every Argen-

tine regards British "occupation" of the Falklands as an insult to Argentine nationhood.

My point is that any Argentine Government which could assert

Argentine sovereignty over the Palklands will earn a place in history and become enormously popular in the country. It follows

from this that any British Govern-ment which sits down to discuss the

issue with Argentina is offering her,

et least potentially, a political prize of enormous value. Any responsible

From Mr David Stephen

Argentines?

and Mr Enoch Powell, to get the Government out of their troubles. Mrs Williams said MPs were much grander, going to their con-stituencies, waving out of their car windows and not doing surgeries". How wrong she is. My husband and I—I was his unpaid secretary—did a constituency surgery, every month, 4 or 5 hours at a stretch-and I did not get my fare paid to the constituency—and when he was Scot-tish Secretary he had two Under Secretaries, now there are considerably more than that He spent practically every weekend in Scot-land and many week nights in all-night sittings in the House.

What the answer is I do not know. No matter how many extra

Ministers of State and Under-Secretaries are appointed, the people always want, eventually, to deal with the Secretary of State. Perhaps more Departments with Secretaries of State, but that just increases the number of bureaucrats, which God forbid.

But men and women choose this life; they don't have to. The strains

are perhaps not obvious when they choose, but a man leads his life as he wishes and I do not think any of these men who died prematurely would have chosen anything else and they certainly contributed much more to their country than many who live to 80 or 90. SHEILA MCNEIL, 12 Lochmore House, Ebury Square, SW1.

### Soviet dissidents From Lord Bethell

Sir, The front page of The Times of February 19 gave prominent display to an article by Edmund Stevens suggesting that President Carter's latter to Dr Sakharov could have "serious repercussions" on Soviet-American relations, perhaps that it that it might even have been inspired by hard-line Soviet leaders anxious to topple the "liberal" Mr Brezhnev. It has been suggested that the new President is allowing his personal moral views to triumph over his statesmanship, that he is endangering the peace of the world in order to enforce a debatable

The truth is that the President's right to communicate directly with Soviet dissident is dictated not a Soviet dissident is dictated not only by personal morality, but also by the Helsinki Final Act and the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, to both of which the Soviet Union is bound. By his signature in 1975 Mr Brezhuev undertook to expedite the reunification of families, to import more Western newspapers and not to penalize Western journalists for doing their job. He also promised, no doubt with his tongue in his cheek, to "respect human rights and fundamental freedoms". He and fundamental freedoms". has broken these promises.

The President could likewise refer Mr Brezhnev to Article 12 of the Declaration of Human Rights, which runs: "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or corres-

pondence." It is only because the Soviet Union violates this article that Dr Sakharov was forced to make his dramatic virit to the United States Embassy in Moscow. If Mr Brezhnev wishes to write to Mr. Gus Hall, the American communist leader, he can place his letter in a mail box and it will arrive. As your leader today (February

21) points out, if Mr Brezhnev naver intended to observe certain parts of the Helsinki agreement he should not have signed it. But can the President really be blamed for trying to enforce these existing agreements ?

The Soviet Union has elso claimed that the President's letter is an interference in her internal affeirs. But if this is a crime, the Soviet Union is equally guilty, if not more so. Her embassies in the West maintain close links with local communist parties. They send dolegates to trade union gatherings. They give lavish entertainment to pro-Soviet politicians. They attack the Conservative Party and its leader.
The English service of Moscow

Radio has accused the British authorities of "cold-bloodedly watching Frank Stagg die in Wakefield Prison" and of "glying the actual go-ahead to the white racist regime in Rhodesia"

The President's act in sending the letter need therefore cause no alarm, soundly based as it is on international agreement and on the prinple of reciprocity, which Mr reshney understands well. ciple of Yours sincerely.
NICHOLAS BETHELL.

House of Lords. February 21.

### Racial equality

From Mr Sam Springer

Sir. I would like to express my disagreement with comments made in Neville Hodgkinson's article "Race Commission Plans Criticized " (The Times, February 9). He says that there is widespread criticism against the latest proposals for the staffing and structure of the Commission for Racial Equality, on the grounds that it over-emphasizes the law enforcement aspects of the CRE's work.

The argument really is about priorities, because the CRE will have the duty of eliminating discrimination by using all its resources and power under the 1976 Act. Both the law enforcement and educational/advisory aspects of the CRE's work are essential; they complement one another. Ethnic minority groups would like to see the CRE using its powers in the most effective manner possible to eliminate discrimination and to secure full equality of opportunity. As one involved in race relations over a number of years, it is my assessment that ethnic minority groups would like to see the CRE adopting an aggressive approach and this means treating the law enforcement aspects as being of primary importance. After all, in uccessive Annual Reports the Race Relations Board has asked for increased powers in order to do its

job more effectively.

These powers have been granted under the 1976 Act, and should be used vigorously to eliminate dis-crimination. The advisory and edu-carional role of the CRE should be regarded as being complementary to the strict law enforcement role. It should be borne in mind that the 1976 Act is an attempt to deal with discrimination in a completely different, and hopefully more effec-

tive way. It requires a new perspective and a dynamic approach, without which I fear that in 10 years' time we may be considering another Race Relations Act and another Commission. SAM SPRINGER.

Member, North Metropolitau Conciliation Committee, Race Relations Board, Members Library, lown Hall. Hackney, E8. February 16.

### Why not December 31?

From Mr I. D. Morgan Sir, I only read the bottom right hand corner of your letters page since I find Rockall more interesting than Bullock.

The relevant question is not "Why April 5?" but "When will our political masters comply with the EEC directive that our financial years should end on December

Since the Chancellor is pledged reduce income tax, why not do Jee Tax Year of 270 days only? Complicated legislation is not required but in essence a short clause in the Finence Bill providing for the tax year which com-December 31, 1977.

In this way twelve months' personal allowances would be offset the higher incomes of middle mansgers would be taxed at lower hand rates. As a result we may all have enough cash to make a Jurilee t. . if not round Fill or Torca then round Frinton or Tunbridge Wells I Yours faithfully, IAN MORGAN,

23 Blatchington Road, ·Tunbridge Wells, February 21.

kall

Mr Tony Soper he account of an uncomfort-ight spent on Rockall by the r-hunter, temporarily aband-l in the fog by the steam yacht was exposed as a hoar long When the anonymous writer traced by the editors of the is of Scottish Natural History, omptly admitted his crime. n sorry you should have taken. aginary description of a visit sckall—only meant to amuse— contribution to science. I was at Rockall."

ere is an excellent account of affair and a survey of both and false landings on Rockall the time of its annexation by anding party from HMS Vidal, he late James Fisher's hook all, published in 1956 by Geof-Bles. s faithfully,

Y SOPER, life Expeditions Limited, ove Town,

mouth, nary 22.

ncept of ethnic

n Projessor Kenneth Kirkwood Philip Howard's entertaining ile on "Ethnic" (February 21) es no mention of the important nination of the concept by Sir an Huxley and his colleagues in

happen if they had not been tipped the official wink. Nor could the service in Nairobi Cathedral have happened as it did. But they are realists and will ask what practical good official protests would do. Uganda has a large army and Kenya a tiny one, while President Nyerere, who has no army at all, at least has allowed Ugandan exiles to attempt some revolts against Amin from his

upon the obvious explanation. The the thirties, and their recommendation that the correct ancient Greek usage should be revived, not least to eradicate the "dangerous

text is clearly corrupt.

The poet first expresses a wish for a glass of chilled wine. But plots of beechen green can be on the cold side after dark—it is approaching midnight, as we know even in mid-May. On second thoughts, therefore (I read "Or for a beaker, etc" in place of the tire-somely repetitive "O") he feels that a tankard of mulled claret would be more appropriate, and accordingly writes

and unsatisfactory word rate. It would be particularly interesting to have Mr Howard's observations on the appropriate passages in the very significant study We Europeans: A Survey of "Racial" Problems by Huxley, Haddon and Carr-Saunders, first published in October, 1935, which deservedly ran through several impressions. October, 1935, which deservedly ran through several impressions. This book certainly influenced the thought and language (including the "British English") of many at the time, but "race" has so strongly reasserted itself that Huxley's strong and considered advocacy of ethnic, ethnos, ethnea, has been widely ignored—in academic as well as popular usage. "With heated bubbles winking One fears that Keats, in his rather over-excited state, made the commistake of bringing the liquid to the boil-We need not, I think, follow the ingenious Verrall, who would un-doubtedly recast the entire line to

"With bearded buddies drink-ing at the imm" as this, though tempting, would involve either an uncharacteristic false rhyme at the end of the stanza or a further emendation of "the forest dim" into some such conclusion as "the", to me un-acceptable in this context, "final Yours faithfully, H. F. ELLIS,

Taunton,

Devon.

ect without being conscious of the impact the outcome of such dis-cussions will have inside Argentina. Hill Croft, Kingston St Mary, Obviously a major and entirely legitimate preoccupation of Mr Rowlands and his colleagues will be the physical fate of the islanders

in any link up or association with Argentina. He will be bound to ask, for example, whether the Argentine Government would be able to pro-tect the islands from the dual ernment's approupagement that it is to send Mr Ted Rowlands to Buenos scourge of terrorism and counter-Aires to talk about the Falkland Islands (The Times, February 3) have concentrated, understandably enough, on the situation of the islanders. Is it too much to hope that on this rare occasion when terrorism which now endangers the lives of ordinary Argentines. He will es of ordinary Argentines. He be bound to seek assurances that human rights, accepted as normal in Britain and in the Falkland that on this rare occasion when Britain does stand a chance of exerting real influence she will use it for the good of all the people of the area—including the 11,000 Anglo-Islands, would be guaranteed in any future agreement. This is not interference in Argentina's internal affairs but an entirely necessary exercise of Britain's responsibility

for the islanders. If it were felt that sovereignty should be transferred or pooledand there are pressing political and economic forces pushing Britain in that direction-Britain should not forgo the opportunity of exercising a favourable influence on Argentine politics—entirely consistent, as I have said, with Britain's concern for the islanders. Notably, President Videla and those of his colleagues who favour an early return to demo-cracy would be encouraged—and the extreme rightists discouragedif Britain made, in any talks on sovereignty, the conditions that she would only permit a democratic Argentina to exercise any sovereignty over the islanders.

Democrats inside Argentina would never forgive Britain if she handed the islands over and allowed the fascists to reap the benefits, but a judicious agreement which looked to the future both of the islanders and the Argentines-and which took a clear line on human rights—would be of incalculable value to Argentina, to Britain, and to Argentine relations. Yours faithfully. DAVID STEPHEN.

British Government cannot, there-fore, enter discussions on this sub-Apartado 381. San Pedro Montes de Oca. San Jose Costa Rica.

sovereign, although its face value

is 25p at yesterday's exchange

it was catalogued as "good,

very fine and rare"; Amedeo I reigned for three years and rarity appears to be the key consideration. It is one of the highest prices for a coin at auction.

Separal other Committee coins.

for a coin at auction.

Several other Spanish coins produced surprises. An 1810 320 reales of Joseph Napoleon, described as "good, very fine", made £10,000 (estimate £2,000), to Calico; an 1823 320 reales of Ferdinand VII made £7,000 (estimate £1,500), to Calico; an 1814 8 escudos of Perdinand vII made £4,800 (estimate £5,00), to Guinovart; an 1811 8 escudos of Perdinand VII made £3,400 (estimate £900), to Mormaies et IImbres.

Timbres.
The sale, which comprised two

private collections, had been catalogued for Glendining's by A. H. Baldwin & Sons. The total was £152,162, with three lots out of 481 unsold.

In Bonham's book sale the star

to boundary book safe the Star lot, the first edition of a poem about Sir Francis Drake by Charles Fits-Geffrey, an Eliza-bethan poet, remained unsold at \$4,200 (estimate \$4,000 to \$6,000). A one-leaf holograph manu-

**Jubilee TV** 

on future of

The future of London is the subject of a £250,000 project announced yesterday by Thames Television as its main contribution to jubilee year. It will consist of a series of programmes, leading to a conference in July in which the Duke of Edinburgh is to take pur.

On 10 successive Bridays, heein.

On 10 successive Fridays, beginning on April 29, the Today programme will examine such issues

as employment, housing, transport

and the environment, and there will be two longer programmes before and after the conference.

before and after the conference.

The conference planning group, under the chairmanship of Mr Max Nicholson, who is in charge of the jubilee environmental programme for London, includes Professor Raif Dahrendorf, Director of the London School of Economics, Mr Michael Middleton, director of the Civic Trust, Mr Peter Parker, chairman of British Rail, Sir James Swaffield, directorgeneral of the Greater London Council, and Dame Elizabeth Ackroyd, former director of the Consumer Council.

For its special programme on June 22, beginning at 8.30 pm and continuing until after midwight, Thames will leave the independent network.

Mr Maurice Shock, aged 50, Weir

Mr Maurice Shock, aged 50, Weir Fellow and more in politics at University College, Oxford, has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of Leicester University in succession to Sir Fraser Noble, who has been appointed Principal of Aberdeen University.

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University news

project

London

By John Young

Planning Reporter

rate.



### COURT **CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE BUCKINGHAM FALACE
February 23: The Prince of
Wales, on behalf of The Queen,
held an Investing at Buckingham Palace this morning.
His Royal Highness, as Chairman, this afternoon addressed
Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenams,
their representations and Morn their representatives and Mem-bers of the Administrative Council of King George's Jubilee Trust (For Youth) in connexion with The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal. The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of Save the Children Fund, this evening attended a Gala Cabaret in aid of the Fund at King's Country Club, Eastbourne.

Club, Easthourne.

Her Royal Highness was received upon arrival at East-bourne Railway Station by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for East Sussex (the Marquess of Aber-gavenny) and afterwards at King's Country Club by the President Save the Children Fund Sussex Area (the Lady Sarah Fitzalan Miss Rowena Brassey was in

By command of The Queen, the Lord Winterbottom (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the arrival of The King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and welcomed His Majesty on behalf of Her Majesty.

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 23: Queen Elizabeth
The Queen Mother was present at
the Memorial Service for Mr
Derek Parker Bowles which was
held at the Guards Chapel, Wellingron Barracks, today. Ington Barracks, today.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen

### Birthdays today

Lord Burstanoute, 93; Lord clitheroe, 76. Air Chief Marshal the Hon Sir Ralph Cochrane, 82; Mr Lionel Dakers, 53; Mr David Langdon, 63; Sir Frederick Scopes, 85; Brigadier Humphrey Stronge, 86; Sir Edgar Vaughan, 70; Sir Harold Wilkinson, 74.

Today's engagements

Today's engagements
The Duke of Gloucester, Colonel
in Chief, The Gloucestershire
Regiment, will be present at a
luncheon with the officers of the
Queen's Guard, Guard Room, St
James's Petace, 12.45.
The Duchess of Gloucester opens,
Charles Parsons Building, Newcastle upon Tyne College of Arts
and Technology, 10.30.
Exhibition: "Kings and Queens
and Flying Machines", RAF
Museum, Aerodrome Road, Hendon, 10-6.
City of London Art Exhibition,
Guildhall, 10-5.

### Reception Association of Lancastrians in

The Association of Lancastrians The Association of Lancastrians in London held a reception yesterday evening at the Law Society's Hall. Sir Desmond and Lady Resp received the guests, who included the guest speaker, Lord Greenwood of Rossendale, and Lady Greenwood.

Dinners

Basketmakers' Company Mr Andrew Breach, Prime Warden of the Banketmakers' Company, presided at a court dinner held at Innholders' Hall yesterday, Swain, Junior Warden. The other Appeakers were Mr David P. L. Andill, Master of the Glovers' Company, Mr Frederick R. Hopkins and Mr G. W. Burrow, Master of the Fletchers' Company. Conservative Industrial and Commercial Association

Mr Harold Miller, MP, deputized as goast speaker for Mr Peter Walker, MP, who was unable to be present at a dimer held by Conservative Industrial and Commercial Association last night at the Garrick Club. Mr Nicholas Bousor was in the chair.

Service dinner Oxford University Air Squadron

Lord Trend, Rector of Lincoln College, and Air Chief Marshal Sir John Aiken, Air Member for Personnel, were guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Oxford University Air Squadron's held last night at the squadron's town headquarters, Oxford. The commanding officer, Equadron Leader J. R. Day, presided. Other guests included: guests included :

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store of Brasenese College, the
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store of Pambroke College, the
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### Mother and The Prince of Wales, Council on behalf of The Queen Forthcoming marriages

at 4.15 o'clock this afternoon.

at 4.15 o'clock this afternoon.

There were present: the Right Hon Michael Foot, MP (Lord President), the Right Hon Samuel Silkin, MP (Attorney-General), the Right Hon Ronald King Murray, MP (Lord Advocate) and the Right Hon Dr David Owen, MP.

At the Council, the Right Hon Dr David Owen, MP, took the Oath of Office as Secretary of State for Foreign and Common-

State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, Kissed hands upon

their absence abroad.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Joseph Gormley, president of the National Union of Mine-workers, to be a member of the National Research Development

Corporation for three years from March 1.

Mr Cisrence Tuck, aged 51, a full-time chairman, Civil Service Selection Board, to be a Civil Service commissioner from next Tuesday, when he succeeds Mr Kenneth Murray as director of the selection hours!

Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran to be

chairman of the Institute of Sports

Miss Rita Donagh, the artist, to be a trustee of the Tate Gallery, in succession to Mr Howard

Mr Tenniel Evans to be president of the George Ellot Fellowship and Mr Herbert Van Thal to be-

Mr Michael Evans to be rock organizer of the Musicians' Union.

the selection board.

Church news

Bishop to retire

Church fee inquiry

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The Ven Conrad Meyer, Archdeacon of Bodmin, is to be chairman of a commission appointed by the Standing Committee of the General Synod to reexamine the justification of charging fees for such doties as taking funerals.

Mr G. T. A. W. Horton and the Hon Fiona Peake

The engagement is announced between Gavin Tobias Alexander Winterbottom, younger son of Mr and Mrs Alistair Winterbottom, Manor Farm House, Brill, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, and Flona Catherine, eldest daughter of Viscount and Viscountess Ingleby, Sulesworth, Northallerton, North Yorkshire.

Mr H. J. Carew Mr H. J. Carew

his appointment and received the and Miss L. S. Mortimer The engagement is announced between Henry John Carew of 57 Claucarty Road, London, SW6, and Louise Star Mortimer, or Mr Neville Leigh was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Right Hon Michael Poot,
MP, had an audience of the
Councillors of State before the
Council. Budds Farm, Burghelere, Berk-

Mr R. Dyrbus KENSINGTON PALACE
February 23: The Princess
Margaret, Countess of Snowdon
was present at the Memorial Serand Miss M. van Hall The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs M. Dyrbus, Glanwern, Maes-cycwmmer, Glanwern and Marilyn, roungest daughter of the late Mr E. F. M. van Hall and Mrs van Hall, Château d'Oer, Switzerland. vice for Mr Derek Parker Bowles which was held at the Guards Chapel; Wellington Barracks, today.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Headquarters of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of

Switzerland. Mr J. R. A. Nisbet and Miss P. W. C. Carvell

The engagement is announced between Robert, som of the late Mr J. V. Nisbet and of Mrs Nisbet, of Hambledon, Hampshire, which Her Royal Highness is. President. The Hon Davina Woodhouse was and Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. E. R. Carvell, of Shipley, KENSINGTON PALACE February 23: The Duchess of Gloucester was entertained to Yorkshire.

Gloucester was entertained to uncheon by the Mayor of Sinder-land at the Sunderland Civic Centre. In the afternoon Her Royal Mr A. Rateliff and Mrs G. Campion The engagement is amounced between Alan, son of Mr and Mrs M. Randiff, of Hampton Court, and Georgias, eldest danguer of Mrs S. F. Campion, of Richmond. Yorkshire, Centre. In the afternoon Her Royal Highness opened the renovated Sunderland Magistrates' Court. Her Royal Highness was present this evening at a Fashion Show in aid of the Northumberland Association of Boys' Clubs at the Newcastie Civic Centre. Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight. Miss Susanna Cryer was in attendance.

Mr J. Smith and Miss S. Hirose

The marriage is announced from Japan between Mr James Smith, of Bishop's Stortford, Hertford-shire, and Miss Sumia Hirose, of

Viscount and Viscountess Cowdray regret that they were unable to attend the memorial service for Mr Derek Parker Bowles owing to Mr P. C. Spicer and Miss H. E. Her-Jenes The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs J. H. V. Spicer, of Chester le Street, co Durbam, and Hazel, daughter of the late Rev J. H. Hor-Jones and of Mrs Hor-Jones, of Uppingham, Rutland.

Mr J. K. U. Todd and Miss C. L. Mayell Lord Wigoder, QC, to be chair-man of the Bealth Services Board in succession to Mr Ralph Gibson, and Miss C. L. Rayell
The engagement is asmounced
between James Killingworth Utten,
son of Mr and Mrs R. A. U.
Todd, of Guildford, Surrey, and
Clare Jouise, daughter of Mr and
Mrs H. A. C. Mayell, of Sherborne, Dorset. QC, who has resigned on his appointment as a High Court judge.

Marriages

Mr J. Q. Campbell and Alrs A. R. Weinberg The marriage took place quietly in Oxford on Tuesday, February 22, between Mr Quentin Campbell and Mrs Ann Weinberg. Mr J. H. B. Fairbanks and Miss P. A. Garge

and Miss P. A. Garge
The marriage took place on
February 19 at the Church of St
Nicholas, Castle Hedingham, between Mr James Fairbanka, sua
of Major-General and Mrs C. B.
Fairbanks, of Nayland, Suifolk,
and Miss Philippa Garge, elder
daughter of Mr and Mrs T. L.
Garge, of Castle Hedingham. The
bride was attended by Miss
Charlotte Garge and Kate and
Lucy Macdonald-Buchanan. Mr
Gerard Hours was best man. A
reception was held at Hedingham
Castle and the honeymoon is
being spent abroad.

hr D. T. Matheson hir D. T. Matheson and hirs P. D. Seeber

The marriage took place on Feb-The marriage took place of February 18 between Mr David Matheson, son of the late Mr Norman Matheson and Mrs Berty Matheson, of St John's Wood, Loudon, and Mra Fenny Seeber, daughter of the late Mr Roy Rollmer and Mrs Daping Holmer Holmes and Mrs Daphne Holmes, of Blackheath, London,

The Assistant Bishop of South-well, the Right Rev Bernard Markham, aged 70, who is also Rector of East Bridgford, is to retire at the end of May. He was Bishop of Nassau and the Bahamas for 10 years before moving to Southwell in 1972. Memorial service Mr D. H. Parker Bewies

Mr D. H. Parker Bewies
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother
and Princess Margaret, Countess
of Snowdon, attended a memorial
service for Mr Derek Parker
Bowies yesterday in the Guards
Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The
Rev R. T. J. K. Wood officiated,
assisted by Canon Edwyn Young.
The Duke of Devonshire read the
lesson. Others present included:
Dame Ann Parker Boyles (widow). Dame Ann Parter Bowles (widow), blator and Mas Andrew Parter Bowles and Mr and Mrs Simon Parter Bowles (sons and daughters-in-law) Air Richard Parker Bowles (son), Mr and Mrs Nicolas Paravicial (son-in-law and raughter), Daphne Lady Pools (sister), Chertes and Elizabeth Ann Paravicial (granuchildren).



### fetches £26,000 in fierce bidding Sale Room Correspondent Spanish gold coins met fierce bidding at Glendining's yesterday.

A rare Spanish gold piece of Amedeo I

script, heavily corrected, of part of Beethoven's string quartet op 59 No 3, was sold for £4,000 (estimate £2,000 to £4,000) to Schneider, from Cermany. He also bought a one-leaf Haydu manuscript for £2,700 (estimate £1,000 to £7,000) A 25 peseta piece of Amedeo I, dating from 1871, brought 526,000 to £2,000).

Encild's Elementa Geometria, (estimate £3,500), selling to Guinovart, a Spanish dealer. The coin is roughly the size of a gold

published in Venice in 1482, made 3,200 (estimate \$1,500 to \$2,000). to Salloch, from the United States; a pencil inscription stated that the copy had belonged to Lewis Carroll. The sale achieved a net total of £36,290, with 20 per cent unsold by value and 2 per cent by number of lots.

At Sotheby's nineteenth-century

At Sotheby's mineteenth-century Continental painting was in strong demand, the two-session sale totalling 5344,670, with 8 per cent unsold. Two landscapes by Barend Cornells Kockkoek, the most highly regarded of the family of artists, were sold for 517,000 (estimate 518,000 to 524,000 and mate £18,000 to £24,000) £13,000 (estimate 58,000 to £12,00). The normally disregarded Disseldorf School did well, with Bengt Nordeoberg's "The Family Bible Reading", of 1852, at \$11,000 certains \$8,000 to \$1000 and an 1852 "Living and £11.000 (estimate £8,000 to £12,000) and an 1853 "Virgin and Child", by Franz Ittenbach, going to Colnahgi's for 54,600 (estimate

for contains to the state of th cigarette cards and other ephemera made £14,834, with 5 per cent ungold. An advertising poster for cod liver oil of about 1910 made \$260 (estimate \$10 to \$20) and \$ft model of a Guinness bottle of

Swimmer honoured: Mr David

Wilkie, who won an Olympic

gold medal for swimming at

Montreal last year, with the insignia of an MBE, which he

received from the Prince of Wales, who held an investiture on behalf of the Queen at

Buckingham Palace yesterday.

Tory attack on

V & G regional

service closure

The Government's decision to close the regional services department

s attacked today by Mr Norman

Conservative

St John-Steras, Conservative spokesman on education and the

in a statement he calls the decision a landmark in the disbandment of the regional arts services, and a totally false economy bound to have a destimental effect on the cultural tife of the country. "Most of the people and institutions affected by this proposal were not consulted about this decision and, when they were their

cision and, when they were their advice was not heeded."
Mr St John-Stevas says the de-partment provides the lifeblood of

many provincial museums and art galleries and that damage will be particularly severe because the exhibitions to be dropped are the three-dimensional ones, which are the most attractive in display and content.

25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, Feb 23, 1952

Tokyo, Feb 22.—Mr Yoshida, the Prime Minister, summoned his Cabinet today to discuss last night's demonstrations, which the police reported were inspired by Communists to mark " anti-colomi-

ration of Japan day", when an estimated total of 5,000 demonstrators in groups of several hundred injured 20 policemen and damaged property in various parts of the country. The Cabinet considered measures to strengthen the

ered measures to strengthen the enforcement of law when the restraints of the occupation end, and the Prison Minister declared that "such riots cannot be tolerated, especially in view of the

By a Staff Reporter

Kansas City.

At Christie's a sale of importung jewels made £179,740, with one minor lot unsold. The £11,000 (estimate £4,000 to £5,000) paid by Seymour for a fine necklace of 135 graduated pearls may indicate a renewal of interest in pearls, which have not been much in demand in recent years.

Caristle's also held a sale of

natural history books, travel and atlases, which made 594,514, with A furniture sale at King and Chasemore, Pulborough, made 556.773 with 5 per cent unsold. There were two unexpected prices

There were two interpetted prices for single chairs, one catalogued as a Georgian-scyle reproduction mahogany frame Gainsborough chair made £1,000 (estimate £220) and an eighteenth-century yew elbow chair of Chinese Chippendale design made the same price (estimate £300 to £500). Oriental art: In a Phillips sale oriental art: In a Phillips sale of Chinese and Japanese ceramics and works of art, which totalled 552,980, with 7 aer cent unsold, Porter yald 52,300 for a carved wooden figure of Kuan Yin, of the Yuan-Ming Dynasty, 66cm hlgh (estimate 52,000). blzh (estimate £2,000).
£148,285 stamps: A three-day sale
of stamps at Robson Lowe's, Pall
Mall, ended vesterday with a total
of £148,285. Prices for King
Edward VII issues were particularly high and included £1,500 for
the Harrison 1911 printing of the
3d grey on lemon in mint
marginal state and £270. despite
small faults, for the 1902 2s 6d
to £1 with "Specimen" overprint
(estimate £75).

# chaffinches. rooks, shells and shrapnel

By Philip Howard The diary of Edward Thomas, the poet of the First World War and the countryside, was recently discovered by his grandson and

on the Western Front.
Thomas's interest in nature and the countryside is always evident. He notes: "Black-headed bunt-

man go right up to crest in full view of Hun at Beaurains?.
Entries comment on the weather: "A dull morning turns sunny and warm. Chaffinches and partridges, moles working on surface. Does a mole ever get hir by a shell?"

The diary which includes the

by a shell? "The diary, which includes the last, uncorrected, poem that Toomas ever write, dated "14.1.17", will be published for the first time in a limited edition this spring by The Whittington Press.

Press.

All appeal is soon to be launched for a national memorial to mark the centerary of Thomes's birth in 1878. Sir John Betjeman, the Poet Laureace, has opened the subscription list, and Laurence Whitelan has been completioned. Whistler has been commissioned to engrave two windows for fur-lancet windows in the south well of Steep Church. Hampshire, opposite the war memorial than carries Thomas's name.

The appeal is being organized by Miss Myranwy Thomas, the poet's daughter, Miss Jill Balcon, Sir Alec Guinness, and the Rev Douglas Snelgar, Vicar of Steep.

Thomas's reputation as a poet has grown steadily since his death, but his proper work of 2

Barclays Bank, 42 High Street, Alton, Hampshire.

### Dartmouth entry The following candidates were

successful for entry on the Supplementary List and joined Britannia Royal Naval College, Darmouth, for the term beginning last

Tuesday:

MDSAIPCIEN: J. D. Alliot, Singapore
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P. M. Jaleson, Bright C. B. Ed.
D. A. Jardines, Walder C. E. Ed.
C. A. Jardines, Walder C. F.
Kay, Si Aldair C. C. Gravis, J. A.
Newall, Elied S. Cinyot T. A. Nolle
Bay House S. Gosport; D. J. Osborno,
Brice Pork S. Gosport; D. J. Osbor

# Diary tells of

namerake.

Thomas was killed 60 years 220 this April, while directing the fire of his battery during the opening batrage of the Battle of Arras. His diary is a small notebook bound in Pigskin, its cover and pages cariously creased by shell blast. In it he kept a bare but moving account of his last 14 weeks as a soldier, nine of them on the Western From.

ne notes: "Stack-neaded outli-ings talk, rooks caw, lovely white putts of shaspnel round planes high up"; "Ploughing field nevt to orchard in mix—horses and

When Thomas's name.
When Thomas moved to his third and last home, in 1913, he headed a letter: "Steep on Tuesday, and for all I know for ever after".

nas grown steadny since his death, but his prose work of 20 years is largely inaccessible or unknown. Faber and Faber will accobdingly soon publish a selection of his prose and verse on country matters and the rural life of England before 1914 changed the world. the world. me world.

Contributors to the Edward

Thomas Centenary Memorial Fund

Should sent their contributions to

### Science report

# Oceanography: The forces that waves exert well known for electromagnetic waves The rather similar phenomenon for water waves produces forces The rather similar phenomenon for water waves produces forces and Longuet-Higgins found that

Three years ago S. H. Saiter, of Edinburgh University, proposed that ocean waves could provide Britain with significant amounts of energy II appropriate energyextracting devices were designed:
he proposed a sort of nodding
"duck", and later Sir
Christopher Cockerell added a
design of a flexible raft. Interest
in wave power has remained high,
owing in part to the archiveters in wave power has remained high, owing, in part, to the enthusiasm for the technique in a Central Policy Review Staff report on energy sources. Now a smay is reported of the forces that waves exert on obstacles in water; it highlights difficulties of anchoring wave-power devices, it confirms some imerpected results that have appeared in the last year, and it suggests a novel means of propulsion;

A wave is a means of transmitting energy, and waves on the surface of the deep ocean carry energy from, for instance, winds blowing over the water. Much of the emergy is at present dissipated when waves break on beaches; the devices proposed would inter-cept that energy flow and leave much reduced waves on the lee side, just as anyone sunbath-ing takes energy from the electro-magnetic waves from the Sun, leaving a shadow. But waves do not carry only energy, they can also exert a pressure on any obstacle. This phenomenon is

for water waves produces forces that are by no means slight. Indeed, a ship broadside to ocean waves will be propelled very slowly downwave by that pressure, and the phenomenon can even be demonstrated in a kinchen sink with a faction pencil Profession. demonstrated in a kitchen sink with a floating pencil. Professor M. S. Longuet-Higgins, of the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics. Cambridge, has been looking at the magnitude of the forces both by theoretical calculations and in laboratory experiments, some in conjunction with builders of wave-power devices.

In deep or moderately deep water the formula for the mean horizontal force, per unit distance along the wave front, is duite

horizontal force, per unit distance along the wave front, is quite simple. For instance, a typical wave of peak-to-trough height 2 metres completely absorbed by a wave device exerts a force of a quarter of a toune on each metre of the device. Scaled-down experiments in wave tanks agree closely with theory. Those forces would need to be counteracted by stont moorings; since the size of the force is proportional to the square of the amplitude of the wave, larger waves, characteristic of rough weather, would exert forces up to 10 tonnes a metre

the force on a horizontal cylinder, beam on to the waves and held just below the surface, was not at all as expected. As the size of the waves grew, the force on the cylinder actually started to act in the opposite direction: the cylinder started to move against the

direction of the waves.

The origin of this force is complicated but arises because waves that have to surmount shallow underwater obstacles behave in very different ways from waves in deep water. The wave rears up and may even break—as it does on a beach. The process affects the a beach. The process affects the mean water level over the obstacle and it is possible to build up a small head of water. The exact position of the head depends on the wavelength, but some waves rend to have the head on the leeward side of the obstacle. The masymmetrical load on the obstacle then makes it back against the then pushes it back against the

waves.
That reversal of force in certain circumstances turns out to be very helpful in mooring the Salter duck. In very rough waves the duck keels over and presents a profile relatively close to that of a submerged cylinder, righting itself when the waves abate. The change reduces substantially the drag that would be exerted on the stoorings, and means that the extreme stresses mendioned earlier do not have to be provided for. do not have to be provided for. Of course, energy is not extracted when the duck is on its back. One final phenomenon Longuet-Higgins has come up with is the use of wave pressure to propel a

boat. If waves can exert pressure, then a wave-maker experiences an opposite reaction as waves icave it. Longuet-Higgins has mounted a small cam on the stern of a toy boat. The cam is used to generate waves, being rocked to and fro by a small motor. The energy from the battery thus drives the boat forward as well as the waves backward. Speeds of up to 15 centimetres a second for the boat have been recorded. In certain circumstances the thrust for a given power consumption is more avourable for a wave-maker than for a conventional propeller in which water, not waves, is driven off the stern of the boat. Although still in the model stage, it is just possible that such devices could prove economical for certain sorts

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### DR L. F. COOLING Pioneer work in soil mechanic.

**OBITUARY** 

years later in 1968.-

Dr L F. Cooling, the practically minded but h father " of modern British pretended to be an ex-"father" of modern British soil mechanics, died on Fis lucid understandi physics enabled him to cut the development of engineering science in Britain. Born in Birmingham, he graduated there in physics in and analysis of foundations of meteorites. In earthwarks failures are in the soil meteorites. pretended to be an en

he graduated there in physics in 1925 and later gained an MSc for studies of meteorites. In earthworks failures grew 1927 he joined the Building studies pointed to weak Research Station at Garston as understanding of the a junior assistant and he remechanical behaviour mained there until his retire—ground and Cooling initial ment as an assistant director 41 programme of intensive investigations in which d In 1933 he was made head of measurements were made a soil physics\_section formed behaviour of structures a earth dams, tunnels and

to carry on Professor C. F. Jenkin's work on earth pressure and to study road foundation problems for the Road Research Board. His Cooling's contribution engineering science were nized in 1952 by his uni laboratory in the stable block with the award of a DS time in engineering and Institution of Civil Eng-who invited him to their mechanics laboratory in Britain. Cooling was the only British bership—a rare distinction a physicist. In later li participant at the first International Soil Mechanics Conference in Harvard in 1936 where he acquired confidence Cooling played many I. roles in the committees in his subject. By 1937, when he had been joined by Professor A. W. Skempton, FRS, and Dr H. Q. Golder, he had aroused considerable interest among civil engineers in the practical value of soil mechanics ties and journals concerne the national and interne organisation of soil mech He gave the second Ra Lecture "Field measure in Soil Mechanics" to in Soil Mechanics to British Geotechnical S. who further recognized importance of his contribute their cause by creatin Cooling Prize, to be aw by his investigations of several landslips involving railway cuttings and retaining walls. In particular his diagnosis of the Chingford Reservoir embankannually to the best pretion from a young engine function he always booker ward to in his retirement. Cooling was a keen a man. As a footballer he p ment failure provided the impetus for the recognition of soil mechanics as an engineering discpline throughout Britain and engineers from many pro-fessional, commercial and academic organizations came to the Building Research Station to be trained. Cooling was him-calf responsible for the england and for West Bromwich A: He was a Midland Cot Champion rumer and 

### MISS ROSALIND ATKINSON

Miss Rosalind Atkinson, the and with the Shakesp curess, who died on February Memorial Theatre Comp including a rour in Aust curess, who died on February 21 at the age of 76, was among and New Zealand the most staunch professionals of her generation, seldom out the Nurse in Romeo and Juand during the next season her dignity and grace as Countess in AIFs Well Line the same of a major company and thoroughly versed in the classical theatre. Her colleagues knew that she could always fortify a production. Though she gave "peace and quiemess" as she had the small part of Nurse in Titus Andronicus, her recreation, she was happiest at work: an endearing supportto this after a tour with New Zealand Players in home country (1956-7) returned in the Stratford ing player of uncommon fibre.
A New Zealander, she was born on April 11, 1900, and returned in the Stratuord of pany's European tour and London production of Tituethe Stoll in July, 1957. I summer she was Lena in Johnson Griffin's distinguis play, The Hidden King at Edinburgh Pestival; and S. May, 1958, she had four yowith the Old Vic Company, challed various tours in educated in Wellington. Later in England, she studied for the stage, and from 1928 for some years, had numerous parts on tour, in repettory, and in the West End. In 1939 she toured with Leslie Henson musicals in South Africa and Rhodesia; and in 1941 she began her long Chiding various tours in USSR and Europe, the Miccareer with the classical companies: at first, two years with the Old Vic Company in London and the regions (she was Mistress Page in The Merry Wives of Windsor at the New East and the United States. m 1942).

There was a break when she played, with John Gielgud, in Crime and Punishment (Globe (946) and succeeded Edith Evans as Katerina. Thereafter, 1948 had the Roman quality--- and on relevision.

Fnd—she was Sister Godric-the long run of Abelard a through four years, she was the long run of Abelord a: successively with the Old Vic. Helvise at Wynchams (1970). Company at the New her Volumnia in the Coriolanus of See appeared also in Ed. She had many other lateres. She had been a member of the

A correspondent writes: As a private patron of the professions, Lady Thresford, who died at her home in Chelses, on February 11, at the age of 32, was one of the last Anglo-Belgian Union sin 1953, and efter serving it of at various offices, she became that of a now vanished breed of great public benefactors. Born in 1895 of Kennish stock, Madeline Threlford made. first woman chairman of received the order of Chevall of the Belgian Order of Chevall of the Belgian Order day ber of the council of the Luxembourg Society in London and a member of the British Arlantic Group, the British Arlantic Committee, and a second of the British Arlantic Committee, and later the Triender. per mark relatively late in life, first becoming prominent in linguage circles in 1949 when as Mrs M. Barnett, she played an important part in restoring the Institute of Linguists' examinations in the post-war period.

A little later, she was to become Lady Threlford, on her become Lady Threlford, on her marriage to Sir Lacon Threlford, the institute's founder. On Sir Lacon's death in 1958, she was elected president of the institute, a post she continued to hold for the rest of her life, and remained active in institute affairs until the day she died

but not least the Friends.
St. George's Church of Yott la 1975, she was elected honorary Freeman of the Washipful Company of Glazieri pne of only two women receive that bonous. She will be greatly misse nor only in language circle but wherever the cause international understanding promoted.

Dany.

Those who had the good fortune to have known Jock Gilmour will have learns of his death with infinite sadness and regret. Jock was one of that genera-tion just too young to have served in the First World War and just too young in his own eyes to miss the second.

day she died.

A friend writes:

As a very junior officer in the last war I had the great privilege of serving under him Jock was one of those remarkable men who had the indefinable gift of leadership. True he had a quick mind and could sum up the most

obscure military situation with unerring skill but his very presence inspired confidence. He was indeed a born soldier never expecting any man to do anything which he himself could not do.
I remember how in 1940 at

the time when the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards had been in their great loss.

SIR JOHN GILMOUR ordered projective from it position above Louvain to ed in the neighbourhood. Brussels, Jock, in the absent on leave of its captain, rod command of the Queen's Con

> Jock at the age of 40 an therefore about twice as of se most of us took turns relieving guardsmen of part 0 l can see him now with larkets moved their load. Bren gun on one shoulder an

a heavy bag of ammunition o the other marching along wit the utmost nonchalance. Other there are who can testify the his professional skill as a stock to broker. But whether as soldier stockbroker or farmer he ex. celled in all three. His memory will not easily, fade from the minds of all his

many friends and relations.

At this sad time our thoughts and prayers go out to his family

### PROFESSOR BERTRAM WOLFE

Professor Bertram Wolfe, one He was an early and fierce of the founding members of critic of the Stalin purges. the United States Communist Party, died in California on February 21. He was 81. Wolfe helped found the American party in 1919 and was later on he executive committee of the Comintern and met Stalin, Trotsky and Molotov in Mos-cow. Subsequently he repudi-

مكنة سالاهل

One of America's most prominent Sovietologists he was 200 member of the Institute of Studies on the Soviet Union at Columbia University, New York, and was Professor of Soviet History in the University of California. Among his many of books were Three Who Made a cow. Subsequently he repudiated Stalin after an open dispute with him and broke away and Lenin, The Architect of the United States Communist Party.

Subsequently he repudiation (1948); Strange Contests and Lenin (1948); Strang

Her most important pe-during this period were k Prism in The Importance Being Eurnest, and again,
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**Argentine** 

by Brooke

ranches sold

**Bond Liebig** 

Brooke Bond Liebig is to raise \$18,800,000 (£11,100,000) through the sale of its Argen-

through the sale of its Argentine rach interests to a local syndicate. The ranches have been controlled by Liebig since the beginning of the century.

The disposal will throw up a £6,500,000 surplus over the £4,600,000 book value of the 350,000 acre holding, the cash, the rough started yesterday, will not be coming back to the United Kingdom. Its likely destination is the Canadian food, teac, coffee and spices subsid-

teac, coffee and spices subsid-

iaries and the smaller United

States officient.

"BBL is currently undercapitalized ib both areas but the new cash injection will create

a much stronger base in mar-kets in which we believe we can make headway", Mr H. F. Somerville, finance director, explained.

The group's meat processing operations in Argentina will be

unaffected by the sale; but the market has taken the view that

the disposal is a significant step in the reducton of politi-

cally sensitive interests with the consequent improvement in

profits of £1m in the year to

end-June last—broadly in line with the previous year. But the extreme volatility in the Argentinian peso has been a major influence in the sudden

changes n the level of past

In the year 1973-74, the ranches are understood to have

turned in around four times

about £2m invested in Brazil.

for instance, and the net worth

of its Paraguayan operation is estimated at around £10m. However, if the peso is among the most volatile South

American currencies the Para-

guayan guarani is one of the most stable. Profes from this

area have reached a peak £2m.

but BBL suffered a film lo-s last year after an abnormally late start to the slaughtering

business in Paraguay will

last year's levels. At June 1975, »

the quality of earnings.
The ranches made

# ittersley refusal to stop bcock takeover after it in monopolies panel

Prices and Consumer was at the centre ist night for refusing contested merger be pert Morris and Baba, in a report to the of State, held that it might be expected against the public

yesterday claimed none statement, that not a two-thirds required under the ig Act to enable him non against Babcock Moreover, the arguand against the are finely balanced,

members of the rject to the amalga-re its chairman, Mr esne, QC, and Dr as, the former Mul-The members who

union leader.
ersley received the on report E The Government a study, on the re-

ng in late October. six, including the chairman, began tation but one memor medical reasons, divided five. erger reports are un-

team was seriously is in the case of between Barclays, i Lloyds banks, with lviding 6 to 4 back wever, the Babcockstruggie is a nt affair, and trade rests demanded a

study.
's publication of the rris findings reveals . The majority held quisition of Morris iger the company's ment programmes.

It would, in the majority three's view, put at risk sales by Morris in markets served by American Chain and Cable, a Babcock subsidiary which has

similar products.

The members felt the acquisition should not be permitted, and also said the existing Babcock shareholding in Morris would enable it materially to influence the latter's policy and gain board representation. They wanted the holding to be cut from 40 per cent to no more than 10 per cent, with a han on voting rights as the holding was

In contrast, thei rchairman, Mr Le Quesne, and Dr Jones, held that while Morris in recent years had been successful and enterprising, it would not suffer any prejudice from union with a group as well established, well organized and well managed as they considered Babcock. They saw no reason to doubt the strength of future management once things settled down, and rejected fears about

The members who down, and rejected fears about it was against the vest were Mr Jeremy a accountant. Mr Minister of State for Prices and raball, president of Consumer Protection, said that Mr Hattersley could only take binson, former footunion leader.

ersley received the merger if at least two thirds of the inquiry team found it against the public interest.

this explanation may come in for criticism. The fact that the Government has powers to act with the right majority does not mean that it has to stand aside. Governments can use persuasion, and legal powers in the monopolies area are usually regarded only as a weapon of

that a company which buys a significant holding in another can now go shead in spite of a majority Commission vote sition. Whitehall has left itself with no room for persuasion in some future situation when a controversiel deal involving a merger reference may not be

to its liking.

Under Schedule 3 (16) of the Fair Trading Act, 1973, Mr Hattersley is obliged (if he is to make an Order banning a merger) to disregard a merger

ization, and product development programmes.

It would, in the majority under two thirds.

Some high Whitehall politics may be involved. Babcock and Wilcox is awaiting critical Government decisions on power generation equipment orders. It is known that the Department of Industry felt Morris would make good progress by retaining its independence, yet it then backed the merger. Industrial

strategy reports were cited in the evidence taking. Three unions opposed the merger, with Trades Union Congress help. Sunderland Shipbuilders, British Steel, and Mattersons saw no advantage in

a merger. Jesmond Quigley writes: The board of Herbert Morris and union officials at its places last night withdrew from an agree-ment to accept the findings of the Commission on the £4m bid

There is now the threat of legal action from the company while the workforce may take industrial action, including a strike, if Babrock proceeds with the bid, as it is bound to do under the rules of the Take-

do under the rules of the Takeover Code.

The Government's decision
sent Morris's shares racing up
from 148p to 164p—44p above
the 120p a share Babcock offer
The Herbert Morris board
commented last night that it
was "assounded dismayed and
finds it inconceivable that the
Minister has not followed the
recommendations of the Commission"

mission ".

"We do not accept the findings and we will challenge them", it added. "We are taking legal advice." Mr Ray Ryan, convener of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, said: "We gave an undertaking to the

Department of Industry that we would accept the Commission's findings, but we did not say we would accept the Minister's decision. I do not think that we are bound by that decision.

Mr Ryan, speaking personally before consulting the rest of the workforce, said he thought his members would take appro-priate action—strikes if necestakeover.

Babcock and Wilcox said to would be reinstating the bid, and added that the Herbert the affectiveness of conclusion if it is not by at Morris high share price was be-nemt, plant modern- least two-thirds of the mem-cause of "an artificial market".

dish plans to halve shipyards speaking at the same contenence, Mr Ian McGaw, managing
director of the International
Commodity Clearing House,
said that producers should have
access to international finance
so that they could hedge forward production on futures
markets without risking having
to pay large margin calls.
He thought that funds from
the United Nations Conference
on Trade and Development, the
World Bank or the International Monetary Fund might
provide this margin finance. roposed far-reaching ures to secure the Swedish shipyards, ing that the capacity the shipyards at present employed more people than they es by about a third. mean 6,500 people is losing their fobs. It proposed 16.823 employees

# Standard offers \$130m in bank deal

company whose principal sub-sidiary is the oldest bank on the West Coast, the Bank of California.

The bid would, if successful, lead to the merger of Bank of California and Standard Chartered's existing Californian subsidiary, the Chartered Bank of London. However, it was by no means certain last night that the bid would be successful

the bid would be successful. The two managements have been talking since Christmas, but shead of any discussion of the price BanCal's board took the view that its shareholders would be best served if the group was to remain independent. And Lord Barber, Standard Chartered's chairman, emphasized last night that there was "no question of our pursuwas "no question of our pursu-ing the offer if they reject it.".

Moreover, the position of the major shareholder in BanCal, Baron Edmond de Rothschild, is by no means clear. The Baron holds 28 per cent of Bancal's shares. Lord Barber pointed out last night that while he had

LME may

ease rules of

membership

A change in the London Metal Exchange's membership qualifications, which would allow overseas companies to be full ring dealing members, was suggested yesterday by Mr.

Robert Gibson-Jarvie, executive secretary of the LME. Speaking et a London com-modities conference, he said that membership was likely to

become corporate rather than individual and it was likely that

this would be expanded to include foreign companies. Under the present rules, lead-

ing foreign metal companies

wishing to trade on the LME have to establish companies in the United Kingdom.

Mr Gibson-Jarvie said that

over the past few years the

to establish the net trading

position of its members. A com-promise was still being sought between preserving the LME

principal's contract without establishing a full clearing

Monitoring of the LME had

the objective of preventing firms either over-trading in relation to their financial

By Wallace Jackson

assets, rather than its shares, principally in order to avoid the problems which might ensue if Standard Chartered ensue if Standard Chartered found itself at the end of the day with a majority holding rather than complete control. The bid, would, if successful, leave BanCaPs shareholders with \$30 in cash, as against the \$21.75 at which it closed on Tuesday night.

The attempt to buy Bank of California fits Standard Chartered's overall strategy, which is to diversify away from the areas in which it has readificable has expense. tionally been strong, former British colonies in the Far East and Africa, and to build a presence in the Western hemi-sphere.

Lord Barber said last night; With the changing role of sterling and the increasing role of the dollar as a trading cur-rency, it must be right for a major bank like us to have an important presence in the United States."

The acquisition of Bank of

By Adrienne Gleeson
Standard Chartered, the British group which operates in operates in 60 countries, is proposed bid for BanCal.
The proposed deal takes the State of Washington, will infor the assets of a United States form of a hid for BanCal's company whose principal subsidiary is the oldest bank on principally in order to avoid America by roughly 10 times. The acquisition of Bank of California, if it goes through, will provide Standard Chartered will provide Standard Chartered more with potential future pro-fits than with any immediate increase in earnings. BanCal's profits have been falling con-sistently over the past six years, in part reflecting an unfortunate involvement with property; and its management has under-gone several changes during that period.

Lord Barber said, however, that he did not think the price offered was too high because the potential is very good indeed.".
The bid, which will be made

in cash, is subject to the agreement of BanCal's board and shareholders, "to the satisfac-tory outcome of the customary business investigations", and to the necessary banking, governmental and regulatory authori-ries' approval in the United Kingdom and the United States. Financial Editor, page 19



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Lord Barber: "the potential is very good indeed".

# Racal counterbids for Ultra with 26 pc stake

By Our Financial Staff

Racal Electronics yesterday launched its expected counterbid for Ultra Electronic Holdings with a cash offer of 185p a share. This is much higher than Dowty Group's share swop proposals which, at last night's price, was worth an effective 1544p.

At the same time as announcing its bid—which is 110p higher than the level of Ultra's shares before the bidding started last Thursday—Racal disclosed that it had increased fits holding in Ultra to 26.7 per

The board of Ultra, which had believed that a Racal counter bid was a strong possibility, was meeting last night to consider its position, while the Dowty board was also assessing the situation. Dowty has 12 per cent of Ultra.

Before the Ultra meeting, Mr Edwin Birch, managing director commented; "The director commented; "The offer is certainly an advance on the Dowty one and some-

Representatives of a fifth of

the company's value". Ultra, Racal and Dowty are all Ministry of Defence con-tractors, but whereas Ultra and. Racal specialize in sophisticated electronics, Dowty deals in ad-

vanced hydraulics. Dowty is believed to have been primarily interested in Ultra's electronic coutrol equip-ment for aircraft turbines while the "Sonobuoy" anti-submarine device and other more specific military items are believed to be of paramount interest to Racal.

Some City sources believe that in the event of Racalsucceeding in taking over Ultra it might consider hiving off the control systems to Dowty.

Racal in its amountement yesterday said that it intends to maintain and further develop Ultra's business". Any proposal to split the company is likely to be resisted by Ultra. Mr Birch commented that while the Ultra board had a duty to shareholders it also had

### £13m rights issue by China Clays

English China Ckeys yesterday became the first sizable company this year to make a rights issue. Britain's largest producer of clay products it proposing to raise £13.4m via a one for six issue at 62p.

Explaining the reasons for the issue, the company said that the cash was needed now "to meet worthwhile the future". Money will be required to develop "promising new china clay products" and to meet additional working

BCC announced that it was making a £4.5m agreed bid for Boddy Industries, a Sheffield-based private company with interests in quarrying, waste disposal and fuel distribution. It was negotiating also for the acquisition of a small road-surfacing company for £500,000. Financial Editor ,page 19

All 24 oil company groups offered new exploration licences in British waters as part of the fifth round distribution two

Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, said yesterday that a sixth round allocation was not very far away although he could not announce a definite date.

One of the factors involved in timing of the round would be the results of international arbitration of the disputes be-tween Britain and France and

Equipment. He said that the British share of the North See market had risen last year from 52 per cent that was achieved in 1975.

break even this year and there are no immediate plans to withdraw either from ranching or meat processing. The shares a firm merket recently, rose 31p yesterday to 511p. Although the Argentinian sale is not expected to

make a material difference to profits for the current year, and estimates here been steadily Profits of £38m pretay

now at the top end of the range against £24.6m last time excluding £2.3m from property

Not less than 40 per cent of the ranch sale consideration is due on March 31 and the balance, on which interest will be charged, will be due within the following 12 months.

### More than £20m goes up in flames

The estimated cost of fire damage in Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) in January was £22.4m the.
British Insurance Association reports. This compares with £17.5m in January 1976. The largest fire during the month, at a warehouse com-plex in Scotland, was estimated

2,360

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# Dr Burns gave a broad hint ment was only weakening the the state of confidence that the Fed may tighten prospects by constant fussions most important priority. Here he noted that in recent months Dr Burns said a major prob-greatest importance means the confidence of the state of confidence



is losing their jobs. It proposed 16,823 employees commission wants it to make commentators here in shipbuilding by the end of 300 employees redundant.

n, Feb 23.—A speculate on an additional 2,000 1979, a 35 per cent decrease compared with the 1974 level. Further cuts during the 1980s-

kepresentatives of a fifth of the worldorce of Serck, the heat exchange and valve group, lobbied their MP, Mr Gerry Fowler (Labour, Wrekin) yesterday, to express their opposition to the E34.5m take-

over bid from Associated Engi-The 1,000 employees of the Serck Audeo factory in New

port, Shropshire, were repre-sented by two members of the Amalgamated Union of Engi-

meering Workers, the mayor of Newport, Mr Len Boniface, Mr Bill Ferris, the managing director, and Mr Terry Adam, an Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Compiter Staff representative.

A one-day token strike against the bid was held at the small works in Derby yesterday. Similar action was taken at Nottingham earlier in the week.

Take up N Sea

Financial Editor, page 19

# chief attacks Carter budget proposals as fuel for inflation fears



From Frank Vogl Washington, Feb 23 Dr Arthur Burns, chairman Reserve system, today used unusually bold and blum language to criticize the Carter Administration's economic poliof the United States : Federal

Dr Burns said the Adminisexpectations of inflation that

the cash tax rebates to every American would weaken business confidence: "All these rebate cheques—throwing them out from airplanes-I think we should just calm down...what this country now badly needs is an anti-inflation policy."

Administration's economic points in monetary policies in recent months, but interest rates had, new fears about inflation.

Dr Burns said the Administration that the markets that Treasury bortheless, been rising "in part due to the discovery by the markets that Treasury bortheless, been rising "in part due to the discovery by the markets that Treasury bortheless, been rising "in part due to the discovery by the markets that Treasury bortheless, been rising "in part due to the discovery by the markets that Treasury bortheless, been rising "in part due to the discovery by the markets that Treasury bortheless, been rising "in part due to the discovery by the markets that Treasury bortheless, been rising "in part due to the discovery by the markets that Treasury bortheless, been rising "in part due to the discovery by the markets that Treasury bortheless, been rising "in part due to the discovery by the markets that Treasury bortheless, been rising "in part due to the discovery by the markets that Treasury bortheless, been rising "in part due to the discovery by the markets that Treasury bortheless, been rising "in part due to the discovery by the markets that Treasury bortheless, been rising "in part due to the discovery by the markets that Treasury bortheless, been rising "in part due to the discovery by the markets that Treasury bortheless". Dr Burns said the Administration's Budget, announced yesterday, which involves increased public spending. "is part due to the discovery that stirring up new fears and new expectations of inflation that will be greater and because insome degree may turn out flationary fears have in-

There were many indications There were many indications phecy.

He told the joint economic that the economy was expanding and it was quite probable the President's plan to distribthat unemployment by the end of this year would be conomic. per cent with real economic growth rising by an annual rate of about 6 per cent by

Under such circumstances. he said, fiscal srimulus seemed inappropriate and the Govern-

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Dr Burns said a major prob-lem centred on the reluctance

of business to invest. This was in some degree because businessmen were troubled by the expansion of the federal Budget; were worried about an intensification of inflation, and were fearful that wage and price controls might be ingroduced at some time.

He did feel it was most un-fortunate that the Administra-tion should now be talking of establishing some system of prenotification of major wage and price increases as expec-

Dr Burns said that "this country will need to develop an incomes policy—but this is not the best time because the business community is still fearful".

He said that cash rebates did not rebuild confidence, nor did rather vaguely defined public

Here he noted that the greatest importance must be greatest importance must be attached to planning policies that produced greater energy self-sufficiency as "our econo-mic future is still at the mercy of half a dozen Arab shaikhs

or hair a coren Arab straits—
who could introduce another
oil embargo at any time."

Dr Burns's fears about inflation are not shared by Dr
Charles Schultze, Chairman of
the Council of Economic
Advisers, who met journalists

Heaviet de Administration He said the Administration hoped to settle an anti-inflation policy in one or two months. He left no doubt that a central feature of this policy would be a system of prior notification of wage and price increases.

work still had to be done on how best to organize the sys-tem and it was likely that its greatest effect would be on prices, where it might produce Dr Schultze said other ele ments of an anti-inflation policy could include an early warning system on industrial production bottlenecks and shortages and then a system of buffer stocks may be considered. dered, as well as introducing hetter controls on government spending and on government regulations that promoted higher private sector operating Dr Burns sold the congres-

sional committee that an anti-inflation policy should possibly would be a system of prior notification of wage and price increases.

Dr Schultze said this system would not be anything like the British social contract. It would establish broad goals on ment, modification of evelopment, but it would not involve specific wage and price guidelines. A great deal of inflation pokicy should possibly contain means of stimulating productivity, abolition of restrictions on agricultural output, removal of legislation that limited construction development, modification with business and labour, but it would not involve specific wage and price guidelines. A great deal of

### Poorer nations' US debts up 23pc The Times index: 165.95+1.91 the markets moved The FT index: 402.1+4.4

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Town & City 1p to 81p
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\$DR-\$ was 1.15622 on Wednesday, while SDR-\$ was 0.676548.

Commodities: Coffee prices recovered. Renter's index was at 1641.0 (previous 1639.9).

Reports, pages 20 and 21 The " effective devalua-te was 43.3 per cent. se \$1.75 an ounce to her pages

Raies for small denomination bank notes only as supplied vesteriay by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rate spelly to travallers' cheques and other foreign currency bittiness. Gillett Brothers 20 Share prices Interim Statements: Wall Street Bank Base Rates Table BOC International Challenge Corporation Daejan Holdings Annual Statements: Hill & Smith Preliminary Announcement:

From Our US Economics Washington, Feb 23

Total United States bank loans outstanding to non-nil producing developing countries are estimated to have increased by 23.5 per cent to \$53,600m (about £31,529m), in the ninemonths to the end of September, 1976.

Total foreign loans outstanding by United States banks rose in this period by 14.8 per cent to 5223,200m according to a report published by the Continental Bank of Chicago. The bank's economists suggest that the growth in American bank lending to non-oil producing developing countries is likely to slow this year, but the amount may still remain large. They suggest that the degree of risk involved in these leans is often overstood.

loans is often overstated. The figures come at a time of increasing concern in official circles about the growing structural problems caused by the continuing need for external financing of non-Opec develop-

Concern over the indebted-

The report points out that the total volume of outstanding losss by United Space. losses by United States banks and their foreign branches to non-oil producing developing countries represents just over 5 per cent of their potal domestic and international assets, and that a considerable proportion of these losins are insured or guaranteed by United States Covernment

overnment agencies. The report notes that loans to developing countries by American banks are widely distributed with the largest outstanding claims, totalling \$10,900m to Mexico and \$10,300m to Brazil, being at least five times larger being at least five times larger than loans to any other individual developing country and still representing only about one per cent each of total assets of United States commercial banks. Total international loans by all private banks rose by 13.2 per cent in the first time months of last year to an estimated of last year to an estimated \$500,100m, with the emount of

these outstanding claims on developed countries rising by

to speculation that they may have to default on their loans, and there have been cases of developing countries being forced to seek a reacheduling of repayment.

The report points out that the total volume of ourstanding to countries deficits covered by the total volume of ourstanding to countries deficits covered by the total volume of the tot sharply in the past year. In the period 1974-76, it had been estimated that the commercial banks accounted for 42 per cent of the developing countries'

cent of the developing countries' new financing, compared with only 20 per cent during the period 1972-74.

Some banks, such as Morgan Guaranty, which is acknowledged to be among the most knowledgeable in the field, have called for increased official activity to take a share of the activity to take a share of the developing countries financing This call was echoed yester

day at a Financial Times/The
Banker conference by Mr
Robert Solomon, a former
United States Reserve official who is now a Fellow of the Brookings Institution, and Mr.
J. A. Kirbyshire, Chief Adviser
to the Bank of England.
The Bank's Governor, Mr.
Gordon Richardson, has also called for a greater official

# The company has received Treasury permission to raise its dividend by 431 per cent to 5.4p a share gross, and this helped the shares rise 10p to 84p

there were 65 pesos to the pound but in 12 months the parity soared to 459. BBL conservatively takes the most onerous exchange rate at "" which to remain a renches are regarded as poor cash flow with capital the land which to remit profits. generators with capital ploughed back into the land and herds to improve their care in expenditure . . and pro-vide financial flexibilty for rying capacity.

The deal raises the possible lity of further sales elsewhere in South America. BBL has

capital requirements.

# Speaking at the same confer- MP lobbied over Serck bid 24 oil groups

weeks ago have taken up their

over offshore boundaries, he told the Council of British Manufacturers of Petroleum

Unofficial indications are that the United Kingdom share will have risen to between 55 and for the court, although the total size of the equipment market fell to around £1,000m compared with £1,185m in 1975 and £1,279m in 1974.

Depreciation . . .

Group Profit before Taxation

# at around £4m.

DAEJAN HOLDINGS

Unaudited Results for the Half Year Ended 30th September 1978

### INTERIM STATEMENT

to 30.9.76 2000 £.000 Rental Income less Property Outgoings 2,376 2,273 Profits from sales of Properties:
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Minority Interests -. 8 Net Profit €294 £178 Earnings Per Share 1.09p 1.800 An Interim Dividend of 1.1375p per share actual (1975—same) will be paid on 5th April 1977 to shareholders registered on 4th March 1977. This will absorb £185,360.

A number of properties owned by investment subsidiaries are being realised since it is no longer economic to retain them. In view of the increasing frequency of these sales the Company has been advised that the surpluses arising from them should be credited to profit and loss account thereby increasing the profits available for distribution. The comparative figures have

Profits for the full year to S1st March 1977 are expected to be at approximately the same level as the previous year.

# Urgent call by steel union for import duties

The Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, the steel industry's biggest union, has called on the Government to impose duties on imports of steel products at the lower end of the market that are threatening jobs in private and public sector steelmaking.

In a letter to Mr Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, Mr Bill Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation criticizes the Govern-ment for "failing to act" while steel products are dumped in Britain by countries unconcerned about the impact of their trading policies. He has asked for the immediate imposition of duties to prevent further hardship to steel warkers.

Mr Sirs told Mr Dell: "We are concerned about non-alloy sections and flats which together with reinforcing bars are the main raw material of the construction industry, and as we are both aware the construction industry is in the depths of a recesion.

"The home market for sections and flats has declined from 865,000 connes in 1974 to 600.000 tonnes in 1976. At the same time imports—mainly through city merchants selling to stockholders -have risen from 24,000 tonnes in 1973 to 88,000 ronnes in 1976. Many of these imports are at dump prices and we understand that you are already in possession of fully documented antidumping cases against Spain, South Africa and Japan."

" You will be aware that 40 per cent of the United Kingdom production is by the British Steel Corporation, mainly

at the Jarrow works, and any short-time or redundancy in this area is adding to burden which is the worst in the whole country. The remaining 60 per cent is produced by various British Independent Steel Producers Association works in the West Midlands, Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds in Cardiff and Martins (Dundyvan) in Scotland, Mr

Sirs argues. "Some of these works have no other product to make and therefore the loss of shifts to employees and the threat of redundancy in the next two or three months could be a fatal blow to many of the areas affected by such imports.

It was "absolute lunacy" for this country to be importing unemployment. The Irish Republic. Mr Sirs notes, imposed a £22 per tonne duty from February 4 on sections from Spain.

### French set out terms of loans for sector

M Jean Philippe Lecat, French presidential spokesman, said yesterday that the French Covernment was willing to make loans to steel companies to finance investments but with several conditions, including a requirement to ledge shares as a guarantee (Reuter

He said the companies would have to lodge shares in their portfolio with the Caisse des Depots et Consignations, through which the Freuch authorities intervene in finauciai markets,

At Lecat gave no details of the maxi-

willing to make available to the steel

He said the Cabinet decided the loans would be conditional on the steel groups putting up sizable financing for investments themselves.

The state would have a clause in loar agreements through which it would parricipate in improved financial results. The groups would also have to undertake to help create jobs in areas suffer-

ing from unemployment because of steel reorganization and the government would create an inter-ministerial economic and financial control body to ensure the groups respected their industrial, social and financial under-

The Government planned to limit the number of redundancies likely to result from this programme and had asked employers and unions to reach an industry-wide social agreement before April 15.

### Newport to be centre of electrical steels

British Steel Corporation confirmed yesterday that it plans to close part of its Brierley Hill works in the west Midlands and to concentrate production of electrical steels at the Orb works, Newport, South Wales, A 173m modernitation scheme is planned for New-port, which will involve 190 more jobs between 1979 and 1983.

At the Cookicy Alphasii works at Brierley Hill, 640 out of the 1,100 total of jobs are likely to go. But the corporation says that the actual redundan-cies will be fewer because of normal turnover, natural wastage and control

of recruitment. The corporation is the sole United Kingdom producer of electrical steel, which has magnetic properties suitable use in electrical machines-

### **Employers' levy** to go up by 85 pc

An 85 per cent increase in the employers' levy to finance the grants scheme of the Iron and Steel Industry Training Board has been approved by Mr Albert Booth. Secretary of State for Employment. The levy will go up from 513.50 to £25 for each employee

Employers who have fewer than 26

# Blastfurnacemen in

Five hundred striking blastfurnacemen at British Steel Corporation's most modern plant at Llanwern, near Newport. South Wales, are to meet today to discuss demands for improved work-

ig conditions.
The walkout on Monday halted iron and steel production at the £300m com-plex. It was feared that thousands of layoffs could follow if there was no

from April L

employees, or who meet the board's training requirements in full, are exempt from the levy. This latter condition applies to 98 per cent of the British Steel Corporation's plants.

# Llanwern talks today

### In brief

# £9m pump plant will provide up to 800 jobs

600 and 800 people is to be built near Sunderland, Tyne & Wear, by Grundfos Fanufacturing, part of the Danion Grundlus pump group.

Mr Peter Hooper, managing director of the Eritis 1 compacy, said yesterday that construction of the £3m first phase would begin later this year, and would be completed early in 1979. The overall project would take 10 years to complete.

He said that at present the company manufactured domes-ticentral heating circulator pumps at a factory at Washington, Tyne & Wear.

### German upsurge in car production

West German motor vehicle production in January rose to 359,300 units from 300,394 in December and 305,932 in January 1976. Car production rose to 330.500 from 273.960 in December and 281,545 a year ago Commercial vehicle output rose to 28,800 from 26,434 and 24,387.

### Supertankers cleared of high accident rate

Supertankers do not have mores accidents than smaller notes accidents than smaller vessels, says the first report of the Tanker Safety Group published yesterday. Mr Clinton Davis, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Companies, Aviation and Shipping at the Department of Trade, said he had decided to publish the report now because auxiety about the safety of tankers had

A 19m pump factory which been renewed by five well-eventually will employ between publicized accidents to tankers publicized accidents to tankers in the past three months in, or near, United States waters.

The group, an official committee representing the oil and shipping industries and the sea men's unions, and chaired by the Department of Trade reviewed serious tanker accidents between 1968 and 1975 and concluded there was no cridence to suggest that the casualty rate increased with the size of ship.

### **Erokers Bill passes** committee stage

The committee stage of the Insurance Brokers (Registration) Bill was completed yesterday. The Bill is designed to protect the public by establishing a system of registration of insurance brokers and the regulation of their professional standards. Unregistered brokers will be burred from describing themseives as insurance brokers and as assurance brokers, reinsur-ance brokers, and reassurance brokers.

The proposed offence carries a maximum fine of £400.

### Alvis wins £8.5m order from Canada

products division company, has won a £8.5m order to supply Another heavy cost last year, gun turrets for a new range of and much higher than foreseen, armoured cars for the Canadian was incurred with the relocaarmed forces. The contract is for 152 Scorpion 76mm gun turrets for the new six-wheeled amphibious "Cougar". They back the 25 per cent stake in its overseas travel interests held of the Aramco operation after the country in the refinery. will be built under licence at the General Motors plant at London, Ontario.

# More Leyland workers laid off

By R. W. Shakespeare shut down all Leyland's car
The number of workers laid manufacturing and apcillary
off in British Leyland car operations over the next few plents throughout the country rose to nearly 19,000 yesterday, as more workers were sent home as a result of the stateowned car group's troubles among toolmakers.

The lay-offs of another 3,700 workers brought Allegro car production to a standstill at Leyland's, big. Longbridge complex at Birmingham, and the strike, by some 3,000 toolmakers in 11 different centres, is expected progressively to

days. It could finally make more than 30,000 workers idle. Last night, no immediate response was apparent from shop stewards who are leading the unofficial strike to the instruction from the Amalgumated Union of Engineering Workers national executive that the stoppage should be

The stewards, a breakaway group, have called the strike among Leyland's 6,000 tool-

separate negotiating rights and entials, which they claim have been eroded by successive government pay policies.

The toolmakers' dispute comes on top of other disturbances in Levland plants which have already crippled produc-tion. At Coventry, the Triumph complex is still closed by a strike of 350 paint shop workers, and at Cowley, Oxford. Marina car assembly is halted by a walk out of maintenance

### Thos Cook back in profit with £2.5m pre-tax By Patricia Tisdall

The Thomas Cook and banking group, which is controlled by the Midland Bank, has returned to profitability after pre-tax losses of £2.73m in 1975. Mr Tom Fisher, the chief executive, said yesterday that pre-tax profits for 1976 rotulled £2.5m and, despite a depressed travel market in Britain, gross profits for this year are expected to be even

The figures take account of the high expense of exchange translation to sterling, which iast year cost Thomas Cook some £1.8m compared with £0.5m in 1975. This is a big factor in taking down the tradprofit figures of £4 the not pre-tax levels.

by the Belgian Wagons-Lits organization.

### Management terms hold up Saudi takeover of Aramco

Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, Feb 23.—Numerous points still must be settled before Saudi Arabia can complete the long-pending takeover of Arabian American Oil (Aramco), Mr Frank Jun-gers, Aramco chairman, said today.

Management fees, would go to Aramco's share-holders after the Saudi nationalization, were among the points that still must be negotiated. Mr Jungers said in an interview.

The four shareholders are Standard Oil of California, Exxon, Texaco, and Mobil. Since 1974. Aramco's produc-tion facilities and fields have been 60 per cent-owned by the Saudi Government. Saudi Arabia is negotiating to take over the whole company, including all production operations and the 600,000 barrel-a-day

the Government takeover", Mr Jungers said.

In Riyadh, Shaikh Yamani, Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister, reaffirmed the Government's intention of making conditions attractive enough for Aramco equity-holders to remain in the country. Details of the management contract this involves must be negotiated. This would have the four companies conunuing to manage Aramco.

The management fee has been estimated at around 15 cents to 21 cents a barrel of production, with the figure varying according to whether it applies to all output or just to that taken by the com-panies. "Those are all speculative guesses", Mr Jungers said.

Tapline, a crude oil pipeline from Saudi Arabia to the Lebanese Mediterranean coast, seems to be the unwanted stepchild in the takeover. The line has a capacity of 500,000 barrels a day, but only a trickle of petroleum has been pumped through it in recent years. Negotiations involving

Aramco have dragged along for years, largely because of the complexities of the takeover.

### SE chairman critical of **Bullock report**

Mr Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange, said yesterday that the Bullock report's proposals did not seem to be about industrial democracy or the hopes and fears of real people but were about the further advance of trade union

Speaking to the London's Junior Chamber of Commerce, he said: "Lord Bullock seems to me to have put the cart before the horse. Of course par-ticipation is important, and of course we must involve the people whose livelihood depends on the prosperty of the firm for which they work in its plans, and if we can, in its decisions.

"But it is difficult to find real people in the pages of the Bullock report, the proposals try to impose an impractical legal framework on a system which is not ready for it.

"They reject the many sensible schemes of participa-tion which British companies have evolved organically over many years, and they promote academic theory and try to give it the dangerous status of law, using catchwords in an attempt to lull us into a sense of

They run the risk of killing the horse—commerce and in-dustry—which is trying so hard to provide the motive power for our country's social objectives."

### Construction films awards

By Eynon Smart
At the Shell Centre Theatre
yesterday Mr Ronald Sharp, the
chaiurman of the British Industrial and Scientific Film Association, presented the four category
awards in the 1976-77 construction

awards in the 1976-77 construction films cor Attition.

The winner of the trophy presented by the Institution of Civil Euglavers was "The Majes Project from Tarmac Lni. The RIBA Trophy for Architecture and the design of the physical environment went to Europa Nostra for their film of the same name. Pilkington Brothers Lud took the Buildinging materials category with "Versatility in Glass", and "Eyes owDn" from the National Federation of Building Trades Employers and the Construction Industry and the Construction Industry Training Board gained the Cement and Concrete Association Trophy in the training and safety cate-gory.

# their interests contains material information which was "seriously misleading" and factually wrong in the context of the Scheme".

shareholders.

Yet the shareholders, while under the protection of the court and their voluntary liquidator approved the scheme, subsequently sanctioned by the High Court on April 8, 1974. Common law, statute, and the authorities appear clear: the scheme ought to be set aside in the interests of shareholders who were the parties to it.

Throughout 1973 my liquidator, agreed by him following shareholders' approval, was to obtain a stay in the members? voluntary liquidation of Edward Wood, Norwithstand ing, in September 1973 leading Chancery counsel revised his earlier written opinion by stating that the court would be unlikely to grant a stay unless there were substantial acquisition agreements by the company in liquidation.

My investment banking company, as agents of the majority family shareholder considered this extra statutory imposition commercially unjustifiable, and certainly not an arrangement that a man of business, acting in his own interest, would reasonably approve. Moreover the voluntary liquidator, then in sole charge of the com-pany's affairs, effectively im-posed this principle of an acquisition upon the shareholders via their scheme.

It became as it were a condi-tion precedent for the court to tion precedent for the court to grant a stay in the liquidation. Accordingly the simple provision of section 256 of the Act, though approved by shareholders and initially favoured by counsel, had to be abandoned in favour of section 206. This section put shareholders under the protection of the courds control over meetings, advertisement and explanatory circular, but was misconceived in the circumstances.

The acquisition of Skibben Winton (SWC) was, I believe, an abuse of the share-holders. The truth is share-holders' interests were prejurisk by their scheme's contractual requirements.

The scheme contained provi-sions which seem to be repugnant to the general law of England, and which had I appreciated at the time I would have opposed rigidly—for example the share purchase provision only made on behalf of Mr F. B. Le Marquand under "duress" as the inspectors note. inspectors note. On all such issues, vitally

affecting the interests of share holders, and involving the public interest, the inspectors are silent. In my view the condem-nation of a single individual adviser, whether or not justified, among a host of lawyers, accountants, and valuers, can only be designed to avoid the central issue.

My contention is that the City and legal authorities lost sight of the interests of the shareholders of Edward Wood in their preoccupation with the secondary banking crisis.

In the interests of my fellow shareholders I shall continue to press for rescission of the scheme and the restoration of the company. In everyone's in-terest I believe this report should be subjected to further scrutiny.

DESMOND LYONS. Alexandra Chambers.

32 John William Street,

Towards a united organization

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR FICAN 3

# for professional engineers respect the rank and file appear to have been well ahead of the established orthodoxy. an organization which contention. The other contention

Sir, Your Business Diarist's report (February 16) that the Covernment will be holding an inquiry into the organization of the engineering professions will be welcomed by many engineers but tinged with regret that the pressure has had to come from outside the profession. Mr Derek Harris has been telling us for two years of the unhappy gyrations in engineering world which have led to this situation.

The general public is probably indifferent to the method engineers choose to organize themselves. It does not necessarily follow that new bridges, chemical works, aeroplanes or cars will be better, safer or cheaper if there is one engineering institution or a hundred.

But the engineers themselves are not indifferent. It has been clear to some of us for a long time that some united body must one day be created if only to ensure that the country's engineers can speak with one voice to the Government. In this

Edward Wood:

case for scheme

to be set aside

From Mr Desmond Lyons Sir, One of the fundamental

liberties of a free and demo-cratic society is the right of

reply, particularly an matters concerning the public interest. Happily The Times has long upheld this most basic of

English traditions. You print in today's Times (February 18), at some length, extracts from a

Department of Trade inspectors

I hope therefore you will allow

me, through the courtesy of your columns, to make at least one point of general public in-terest on behalf of my fellow

Having exercised their powers under section 165(a)

ii) of the Companies Act 1948, January 1975, shareholders now have to rely, presumably,

upon this report (dated 11 October 1976) for their reme-

dies. Through the report share-holders are informed that the

contractual scheme binding

report re. Edward Wood &

The present multiplicity of engineering institutions is an historical accident. If we could put ourselves back to the 1820s when there was just one institution, we would be trying hard to prevent the fragmentation ever taking place. However, all that is in the past. Today a united engineering organization would have to be more in keeping with the requirements of today's engineers. It would need to be more than a learned society with the usual functions of examination, maintenance of

standards and discipline. The doctors seemed to have managed this better than we have. They have two parallel organizations, the GMC and the BMA one an examining body and the other can act as a trade union, can speak to the Govern-ment on behalf of the doctors and has achieved for its mem-bers comfortable (by engineering standards) salaries in addition to their transferable pen-sion rights and index-adjusted pensions. We would appreciate

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has been to decide wh be admitted to the new ... tion. At present the tional path to become n as a chartered engineer university degree and a-of practical training. need not be the only w Engineering is still as be practised as well as a to be studied and a co: engineer should not

cluded because he has t by a different read or . late in life. Good engine scarce enough and reg which exclude the un tional will impoverish t fession. The weakness of ate-only entrance require. it is unlikely that Brasse be able to get into the . tion of Civil Engineer wright into the Mechan Marconi into the Electri Yours faithfully,

R. FREER. 27 Campbell Drive. Bearsden, Glasgow G61.

### Business decision-making From Mr Jan Hildreth

Sir, Your correspondents from Associated Non-Executive Directors (February 22) accuse me of putting the directors cause back 100 years. I am baffled! Perhaps they felt that the non-executive director was under attack? I thought I had made it plain that it is the board which has the executive function, not necessarily the individual director. I was not commenting on the respective roles of executive and nonexecutive directors.

My purpose was to point out the difference between political and business decision making. differences of interest; political success can be measured in terms of support gained. Business aims to create tradable goods and services—material wealth—and success in this must be measured in terms of the value placed on these by the customers: While consensus is an appropriate means to political decision, it is irrele-vant to business decision which is tested by results. The cus-tomer decides, not the company. It is no good telling the cus-tomer to eat cake if he wants bread, however much the hoard agree that it should be cake.

The institute's view on the board is the primary organ of and is responsible to the company; it is not the delegate of anyone, not even of the shareto act as the corporate busi-nessman, to lead the management team and to strike balance between all with a proper interest in the company. We define these as the investors, employees, the public and, finally, the February 22

all have interests althoug

are more clearly define To be effective the needs to be a well into team, sensitive to its rebilities, with the ind members being chosen fo ability to contribute twhole. In this team, thusually a place for the non-executive director. ever, it will not be effec it becomes either a chur of old pals remote fro business of the commany political committee of th envisaged by Bullock. Yours faithfully, JAN HILDRETH, Director-General. Institute of Directors, 10 Belgrave Source. London SW1X 8PW.

### PO response Construction film awards

February 23.

From Mr Erskine Polloci Sir, Nearly twenty years wrote to the Post Office their form SB3 reading: PMG having been notifie that amount has credited. "It was teously acknowledged and later informed that the wo would be amended. The form is SB3A. I hope Friedman's request (Feb. 22) will be similarly treat

Yours faithfully, ... ERSKINE POLLOCK Eastfield Park, Weston-super-Mare,

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# **BOC International Ltc.**

Interim report for the three months ended 31 December 1976 Group profits, unaudited:-The near

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on 256,614,000 ordinary fully paid shares of 25p in issue at 31 December, 1976) 2.55p 1 99p 10.50p

Earnings per share (based

 All regions showed improved profits over the December quarter of 1975 before conversion to sterling, elthough the Americas of the detailed were adversely affected by the difficult trading conditions: experienced in Canada. 2) The results of the three months to 31 December 1976 include

extra depreciation of £925,000 provided in anticipation of further asset revaluations to be carried out by the end of the current financial year. Sterling has strengthened against other major currencies during:

the quarter but the effect on Group trading profit was not

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NOTICE OF ISSUE ABRIDGED PARTICULARS Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the undermentioned Stock to be admitted

# Lee Valley **Water Company**

### OFFER FOR SALE BY TENDER OF £2,000,000

9 per cent. Redeemable Preference Stock, 1982

Minimum Price of Issue £99 per £100 Stock yielding at that price, together with the associated tax credit at the current rate, £13-99 per cent.

This Stock is an investment authorised by Section 1 of the Trustee Investments Act, 1961, and by paragraph 10 of Part II of the First Schedule thereto. Under that paragraph, the required rate of dividend on the Ordinary Capital of the Company was 4 per cent. but, by the Trustee Investments (Water Companies) Order, 1973, such rate was reduced to 2.5 per cent. In relation to dividends paid during any year after 1972. The Stock will be entitled to a dividend of 9 per cent. per annum without deduction of tax. Under the

Imputation tax system, the associated tax credit at the rate of 35/65ths of the distribution, is equal to a rate of 4 11/13ths per cent, per annum, Tenders for the Stock must be made on the Form of Tender supplied with the Prospectus and must be accompanied by a deposit of £10 per £100 nominal amount of Stock applied for and sent in a sealed envelope to Barclays Bank (London and International) Limited, New Issues Department, P.O. Box 123.

### Stock", so as to be received not later than 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 2nd March, 1977. The balance of the purchase money is to be paid on or before Friday, 25th March, 1977.

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# American ambitions at

Chartered's \$130m bid assets of BanCal Tri-poration took the marporation took the mar-suprise yesterday, and ider. Here we have an ished, far-flung British h a god profits record markably high return employed, prepared to e equivalent of oneis capitalization on the of an old-established bank with a dismal et income has dropped com \$8.22m in 1971 to 1976) and a remark-

return on capital Yet Standard (s shares closed 10p n night, at 320p. How

ot dificult to follow and the marker's— Standard Chartered strong representation ber of areas—notably here margins have ily been high and e is becoming more So it has been part ate strategy for some w to build up a presence in the hemisphere.

the drive into Europe, s, too, this attempt to most of the oppor sented by a sleepy but I California bank. quisition would fit in ter for Standard's existing, if small,

ntial presence on the of the Pacific basin. Standard Chartered he consents on which dependent—and signs were that the BanCal ht stick-it will still years before this t is pulling its weight: any form of dollar is likely to dilute from North America. ul bid could push the erican contribution to to some 15 par cent

from Associated ig setting out its Serck are expected at now while rumours counter bidders conloat around. But as ely wishes to remain u any approach by a would presumably

ad talks with Rock-national, before the magement moved in, MI looks the fronttime. The problem h is that a combined group would have half the radiator reet. Something which oly authorities would to show interest neless, IMI could well e sympathetic suitor nd there are obvious

contact. On the cur-s-AE paper worth Serck share— is well placed to reable to count on the of its small share ho have 47 per cent

line of defence will ividend increase a your would be nearly ered and give a yield of 84 per cent rrent price of 87 p. over industrial cut both ways. ld gain Serck's careired European outlets k would gain the f a larger organiza-Serck's replacement business would fit Edmunds Walker,

ad's growing heat business would com-serck's. Serck sees

Being closer to the capital goods cycle than AE. Serck has most of the benefits of its recent reorganization to come. A new management that has bought a company making in-

dustrial valves and heat ex-changers through the recession with increasing profits has a strong argument for remaining

### **FMC** Behind the bid talk

FMC jumped another 9p to 84p yesterday amid a further flurry
of rumours of an imminent bid
from fellow traders Thomas
Borthwick with other candidates such as J. Bibby still
being mentioned as long-shots.
Yet in the cold light of

reality the arguments militating against a bid are much more cogent than those for one. Most important is the fact that the NFU is sitting tight on its 42.9 per cent stake which, considering the lengths it went to secure this and the fact that it wants to retain this more as a marketing strategem than for its purely investment merits. So without the NFU's agreement the chances of any potential bidder getting its claws on FMC

are pretty remote. Borthwick, too, could run slap into monopolies problems if it were to bid, since the combined group would then have approaching balf the domestic meat business, though in the past that has not always proved

So what lies behind all the stiention for a group that is admittedly recovering well from past traumas but is still a long way from being the still a long way from the still a long way way from the still a long way way from th long way from being a glittering prire despite asset backing of perhaps a half more than the current share price.

The answer, I fear, is likely to be a good deal more prosaic than the market is anticipating and appears to revolve around further FMC buying by the NFU which in the narrow mar-ket for FMC has had a disproportionate effect on the price and has led to all sorts

Over the last few months the NFU has picked up a further 2 per cent of the FMC equity which suggests that a la Guinness in its original strategy for White, Child & Beney it may simply be biding its time until it gets control. Even if the NFU decides to return to the fray with its representatives now in the driving seat at FMC the timing and terms are likely to be at its choosing which points to some charred lingers soon.

# China Clays

# Coming out

Yesterday's £13.4m equity funding by English China Clays is the first sizable rights issue sace Chloride's last December. Although Barclays may or may not confuse the matter today, the rights market is likely to

the rights market is likely to remain fairly quitscent.

For one thing Schroder Wagg apparently had little trouble slotting EEC in but more fundamentally most companies who could reasonably be expected to have rebuilt their equity bases have done so already and judging by the recent bank judging by the recent bank lending figures corporate bor-

rowing is at a low ebb.

For ECC the rights issue along with a setmingly more adventurous approach to acquisiimpressed with the 43½ per cent dividend increase to 5.4p a share gross where the ex-rights yilld is a more respectable 6.6

per cent.
Despite being finely pitched —at 62p it is a discount of only a sixth on the overnihr price there was little trouble in un-derwriting the issue. Mean-while, with ECC's low gearing there is clearly no pressing balance sheet need for more cash though the debt to equity ratio has risen perceptibly over the last five years and the small surplus on bank borrowings has now turned into a small net deficit and working capital re-quirements, up £6m net last year, will rise in line with turn-

ECC is also budgeting for fairly large increase in capital spending with authorizations up from £11m to £18.2m last September, most of which is carmarked for clay expansion at home and overseas. For the present, however, it is taking advantage of the depressed out-Jook for quarries by a cosy agreed £41m bid for Boddy Industries, a Sheffield-based private group with quarry, waste disposal and fuel distribution interests with profits of almost £1m last year.

Though quarrying and build-ing is likely to remain in the dumps for the next couple of years continued growth in clay demand on the back of the recovery in the paper cycle should take ECC's pre-tax profits to £30m this year where the prospective ple ratio of 8 is not expensive for a company of this quality.

as well?

The stock market seems unwilling to abandon its hope that there will be changes, or even the abandonment of dividend controls before the year is out.
And this hope made it particularly receptive yesterday to tentative comments on the subject by stockbrokers Phillips &

They feel that they may have kite flying waven into the other wise uninspiring fabric of the Price Commission's consultative document on the new prices

policy from July.

Taken at face value the document's talk of "all prices and all enterprises" coming within the scope of the new policy can, with a little imagination, be taken to encompare dividends as taken to encompass dividends as well as insurance premiums and

There is an appealing and persuasive case to be made for incorporating dividend regulation into a general pricing policy, making dividends subject investigation rather than formal controls. Such a move would accord with the Treasury's known lack of enthusiasm for the present system and with the Government's move towards a gradual relaxation of the pay and prices policy generally. Such a system would also over-come the type of sophisticated

come the type of sophisticated distribution schemes which have so irritated the unions at GEC. However, if dividend controls were to be drawn into a general prices package in this form they would lose much of their value as a political bargaining counter in the pay code negoriations. As a clearly defined restric-tion on shareholders' income

they have an appeal in Government-union bargaining quits out of proportion to their actual impact since the unions still appear unwilling to accept pub-licly that the controls do not venturous approach to acquision appear unwilling to accept publicons, evidenced by news of a licly that the controls do not couple of small takeovers have the simplistic effect of yesterday, suggests that it may be starting to come out of its shell. That is all some way in Treasury's kite can come to the future and thhe market, rest.

# East Germany: political pressures add to the economic stress

According to figures recently released on the fulfilment of the 1976 plan the 1975 promise of Herr Horst the 1975 promise of herr Horst Sindermann, chairman of the Council of State, that 1976 would see stable and con-tinuous economic development in East Germany seem to have been only partially fulfilled. The official overall indicator of economic growth, the national income growth rate, increased by only 3.7 per cent as against a planned 5.3 per cent. This represents the lowest yearly growth since 1963.

The main reason officially given for the low national in-come growth is the disas-trous harvest. This would seem trous harvest. This would seem to be borne out by the figures published: East Germany like the rest of Europe suffered badly from last summer's drought. Consequently there was a decline in yield of 9.8 per cent from the previous year's output, whereas an increase of 14 per cent had been expected. expected.

Grain output fell by one million tons to eight million and it is expected that East Germany, already a grain im-porter, will need to import from the Soviet Union which had a record harvest in 1976. Root crops were also badly affected and production was almost a third down compared with 1975. The authorities praised the effort and ingenuity of farmers in maintaining livestock levels by finding alternative supplies of food, such as pelletized straw.

The industrial results wer more encouraging. The main indicator of industrial growth, the industrial production growth rate, was up 5.9 per cent over 1975, only 0.1 per ceut down on the planned increase. The centrally planned industries, regarded as the key to East Germany's economic development and consisting of the main sectors of manufacturing industry, followed the same pattern, having an in-crease of 6.6 per cent where the planned increase was 6.7 per

estimates for growth in 1976, were conservative, reflecting their expectation of a glowing down of the overall growth rate in the mid 1970's and that the industrial growth figures published just fall short of estimated targets.

However in the state of the state of

However, in the report on the results of the 1976 plan, references to "difficulties in foreign trade" appear to rein-force the view of western commentators that the East German economy is struggling against more wide ranging economic difficulties and that the agricultural harvest is not entirely to blame for last year's low national income

growth rate.

Since 1973, the East Germans have been hit by a succession of price increases for raw material imports from the Soviet Union, its most important trading partner with which it conducts over a third of its trade, exchanging mainly finished and semi-finished industrial products for raw materials and petroleum on which the East German

Last year the Soviet Union increased its raw material prices by 43 per cent As a trade have deteriorated. Simi larly, East Germany was in-directly hit by the effects of inflation in the West and by the world recession, in that it was at the receiving end of increasing prices for importa and stiffer terms of credit.

Its deficit with the West

stands at about \$5,000m. In this context, the increase of 14 per cent in toreign trade for last year, compared with a planned increase of 9.7 per cent, must be seen as East Germany's attempt to overcome its worsening terms of trade through increased exports, mainly to the Soviet Union. To some extent the East German authorities have been tak-

ing measures to try to counteract these problems. Last
May, Herr Sindermann
launched a five-year economy ent. drive to wipe our waste and It must be borne in mind increase efficiency of produc-

that the East German planners' tion and productivity. He urged East Germans to cut in-dustrial costs and energy con-

> In the 1976 plan, increases in labour productivity and improvements in industrial efficiency have been heavily emphasized. The results of the 1976 plan show that East Germany managed to save 3 per cent on energy and materials and that labour productivity increased by 6 per cent. Long-term investment :0 im-

Long-term investment to improve, modernize and restructure the industrial base of the economy increased by 6.8 per cent over 1975. However, bottlenecks in industrial production and industrial dislocation caused by imperfections in centralized planning still continue to cause problems.

Officially the East German authorities see the economic results of 1976 as "very positive", considering the effects

itive" considering the effects of foreign trade on the economy. But perhaps the economy. But perhaps the clearest indication of how they see their economic performance is in the discussions and texts leading up to the ratification of the 1977 plan and the five-year plan to 1980. The slogan adopted for 1977. "For fuller use of every mark, every hour of the working day and every gramme of material is not calculated simply to coincide with the sixtleth anniversary of the Russian Re-

The East German Govern ment is subject to conflicting pressures. On the one hand, in order to avert growing social and political discontent with regime, it is compelled raise productivity so as m able to increase the supply of consumer goods.
On the other hand, mindful

of the Polish disturbances in June, 1976, it is fearful of passing on the increased costs of raw materials and imports increased prices. The next years will show whether East German Government able to resolve these prob-ms while avoiding serious

Carol Appleyard

have risen by some 50 per cent to \$1,440m.

it is expected that the growth

in population and economic activity in urban centres and

Few informed

# Everybody has won -all must have prizes

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But from now on no-one who wishes to onter the lists seriously on behalf of either consumer sovereignty in the market or collective intervention in market processes will be able to do so without taking Pro-fessor Hirsch's thesis into account. For, he has proposed an extremely ambitions theor-erical framework within which the attempts to reconcile the intuitive insights of modern socialists like C. A. R. Crosland and J. K. Galbraith with the powerful analytical apparatus wielded by neo-classical economists.

Specifically, he argues that the manifest failure of even those liberal economies which have achieved steady and rapid economic growth to achieve a matching gain in the sum of individual satisfactions arises for particular reasons of mar-ket failure. It is not just be-cause of some vague divergence of material and spiritual value or because of any potent con-

by vested interests.
Crudely oversimplified the market failure in question is caused by "social scarcity".
Social scarcity is a general description of such facts as that only one man can be President of the United States at a time that only a limited number of people can have cottages on the Welsh mountains situated so that no other cottages mar their views and that if everyone keeps up with the Joneses the Jones cannot also keep shead.

conventional economic. growth proceeds, the relative importance to consumers of these "goods", of which the supply is fixed or very slow to increase, progressively rises in relation to material goods which can be mass-produced. This causes their relative price to rise and rise, and so increases the real disposable income re-

the real disposable income required to command a given amount of them.

Thus—and this is one of Professor Hirsch's most important propositions—people have had to run harder and barder to achieve a relative, or "positional", edge in income in order to be able to command the same absolute satisfaction. The golden beach to oneself and one's family which could be had 30 years ago for the cost of a train years ago for the cost of a train ride to Cornwell has subso-quently had to be sought far-ther and farther afield—on the There are only 12 commer-cial banks in the kingdom with a combination of 79 branches between them. Sama says that French Riviera, then on the Costa Brava, then in the Belearic Islands, then in Morocco and Tunisis, then in Sierra Leone and now in the Seychelles.

rural areas will substantially increase the demand for bank ing facilities and necessitate the opening of additional Easterlin, have noticed but never explained, pamely the in its third year and much more work remaining to be done it looks as though the feverish spending spree in the discrepancy between private affluence and public squalor and the great' importance attached by people to relative desert has by no means burnt itself out yet. incomé.

insensitivity and sdvertising power of huge corporations or the preoccupation of people with their relative status. Even however, expect the Saudis to spend enywhere near as much spend enywhere near as much as the magic figure \$142,000m given in the plan, which the more mathematically, minded reckon it is impossible for the kingdom to spend by a factor of two or three. There is no doubt, though, that a very high and unrestrained level of spending can be expected to continue at least until the end of the plan. in a world of wholly unenvious consumers, exclusively con-cerned with their own absolute satisfactions, and of wholly responsive corporations, danc-ing instantly to the tune of consumer sovereignty in the market place, these distortions would still arise, for an important part of people's absolute satis-

Important books are rare. They are all the more welcome when they appear; and one need have no hesitation in ranking as an instant classic Fred Hirsch's new analysis\* of the inherent defects of the market economy as an instrument of human amelioration.

It is not an easy book; but this is because Professor Hirsch herefers to write at a fairly high level of schematic abstraction. But from now on no-one who wishes to enter the lists seriously on behalf of either consults of a farm cottage.

of a farm cottage.
On these foundations Professor Hirsch seeks to build the first technically respectable rehabilitation of collectivist economic and social philosophy. for 20 years. But his specific

policy conclusions are extremely cautious and tentative.
Essentially, his view is that things will come right only when people as consumers come spontaneously to attach less importance to individual satisfactions and to pay more regard to the social fall-out (the "externalities" as economists call them) of the pursuit of

### Peter Jay **Economics Editor**

private " positional " advantage. Professor Hirsch, bowever, is absolutely opposed to any form of brainwashing to accomplish this change. He is also acutely conscious of the heavy costs in inefficiency, abuse and corruption—of relying on governments to correct the failures of the individually oriented market to satisfy individuals goals.

He imagines an inversion of the role of Adam Smir's "hidden hand", whereby the pursuit of private advantage was supposed to lead to the general good. Instead, the indi-vidual pursuit of the social good would lead to greater private

But he is only abic to suggest rather modest steps—such as.
"lowering the stakes" in the
scramble for positional advantage—towards this goal.
On the face of it—and so-

brief a summary does little justice to the subtlety of Professor Hirsch's argument—the thesis appears to have much more application to the United States, West Germany and Japan than to Britain Indeed, he himself implies that Britain's disinclination to embark on this distorted rat race may be a cause of its failure to achieve more rapid conventional economic growth.

Argument on Professor Hirsch's thesis is likely first to concentrate on the lack of any quantitative dimension in his exposition. It really is Tunisis, then in Sierra Leone and now in the Seychelles.

This, according to Professor Hirsch, explains what many social philosophers, like Galbraith, and economists like James Duesenberry and Richard Restartin, have poticed by

previously secluded spots.
Secondly, there must be a real doubt whether it is right to analyse as a "market failure" the fact of life that land, power, privacy and many other "goods" are in very inelesticsupply, while the world's population and its expectations are exploding. The life of a Polynesian chief in Hawaii may well once have been nicer than the life now in Manhattan of a senior vice-president in a bank but then there was only a hundredth, perhaps a thousandth, of the number of

\*Social Limits to Growth, by Fred Hirsch; Routledge and Kegan Paul, £5.50.

### Spending \$142,000m is not so easy supply for the period under review is, according to Sama, According to Dr Farouk Akh-62.6 per cent and currency outside the banks is estimated to

dar, adviser to the Saudi Arabian planning minister, Hisham Nazzer, the essence of the country's five-year develop-ment plan "has been misunderstood inside and outside the

"One hears, for example, that stress is on industrishization and diversification, to move away from exclusive dependence on mil. These are important points, but only 12 per cent of the plan is allocated to industrial zation", said Dr Akhdar, who like the planning minister is a graduate in economics of the University of California.

However, 12 per cent of \$142,000m is a lot of money to spend on the industrialization of a netion of not more than six million people and Saudi Arabia is indeed reported to be spending more than it same, with the gap filled in by the Kingdom's monumental foreign reserves, estimated to be in excess of \$21,000m and second only in the world to West Germany's

There is no doubt that despite rather obvious impediments to its five-year plan, such as a serious shortage of skilled (foreign) labour, port congestion, bottlenecks in the economy, lack of infrastructure and services, Saudi Arebia is cill seration. still spending as much as its economy can absorb.

There is evidence, also, of additional spending by the commercial banks. The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (Sama) reported this month that bank leading to the industrial, manufacturing and processing

Bob Crew discusses Saudi Arabia's five-year

development plan

sectors has risen during the period under review—1974-75—by 244.9 per cent, which is more than double the 118 per cent increase of the previous acts as the central banking agency for the kingdom, the sector which had the lion's share of the commercial banks' credit was, predictably, the building and construction industry, with an increase of 129 per cent in the credit arrended

per cent in the credit extended to it, as against a much more modest increase of 71 per cent the year before.
Other significant increases in

Other significant increases in lending were to agriculture and fishing (74.9 per cent), transport and communications (70.8 per cent), electricity, water and associated utilities (67.7 per cent), mining and quarrying (66.1 per cent) and commerce (56.1 per cent).

A grand total of \$1,080m of credit has provided the life blood for the key sectors of the kingdom's development plan. At the same time, there has been a dramatic increase in bank savings—an increase in deposits of 68.5 per cent indicates a greater public confidence and trust in placing funds with the banks.

The growth of the money

# Gillett Brothers Discount Company Limited

The problem is not just the

# Preliminary Results

The directors of Gillett Brothers Discount Co. Ltd. announce the results (subject to audit) for the year ended 31st January, 1977.

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Group profit for the year after tax and transfer to contingencies	£ 469,245	£ 550,461
Dividends paid and proposed	272,113	272,118
Retained profit for the year	197,132	278,348
Balance brought forward	493,373	215,025
	690,505	493,373
Transfer to general reserve	250,000	*****
Balance carried forward	£440,505	£493,373

The directors propose a final dividend of 8.125% making a total for the year of 13% equivalent to 20% gross. This is the same as was paid in the previous year.

The following are the main items shown by the balance

Total capital and published reserves	3,578,703	3,381,571
Bills discounted less rebate	140,045,948	158,476,286
Sterling and Dollar Certificates of Deposit at less than market value	8,078,047	10,053,929
Listed investments at less than market value	21,397,317	12,401,522
Goodwill less amount written off	1,110,878	1,280,089
Contingent liability on commercial bills rediscounted	32,868,000	45,377,000

"The latest movement in interest rates came too late to be fully reflected in the results, but profits now realised have given us a useful start to our new year."

# Business Diary: Roberts the milk? • Acolas accolade

an dairy politics. Sir he fourth and longesttold fellow board's yesterday that he t accept nomaniation utieth year in office. ik Marketing Board and Wales is a y farmers' cooperative tory powers to buy all sell it for use in seese and other prohree previous changes an the vice-chairman

s succeeded. The cusspected to continue Richard retires on his day in July. The board 200se Stephen Roberts nt vice-chairman who year-old Salop dairy the hoard was estab-1933 Sir Richard was

search into artificial ion at Cambridge Unimanagement of one idest pedigree British nerds from his father. owns the herd and s many weekends as on the family farm in .ts of British agricul-

several national and nal awards under his e told the other 17

embers yesterday that

tt it was time to stand ward is entering a new

ment of Sir Richard the United Kingdom's other as chairman of the lik marketing boards covering wool and potatoes and milk it is fighting for its life. Powerful voices in the EEC Commission to the control of the cont say that the existence of boards with monopoly powers to con-trol marketing, production and imports is incompatible with the principles of the common market unless, of course, the monopoly is EEC operated. Sir Richard's board is leading

the battle for the others. Prospects for the long struggle are good, for preservation of the functions of the board is one of the few issues in farming politics on which the British government and unions representing farmers and farm-

The Fleet's in Pierre Acolas, who is in London today, is the man who will take over next month from



Learning to drive on this side of the Channel: Renault's Channel: Renault's. he added. In fact, like Pierre Acolas.

Rudolphe Lambert as manag-ing director of Renault's British subsidiary. Acolas is manager of Regie Renault's projects and diversi-Renault's projects and diversi-fication department, for besides cars the company makes machine tools, bicycles and even boars. He will be responsible for diversification of a sort during his spell here, but only in matters to do with

Renault is moving into the British fleet/leasing market which car importers have left largely to British or American companies either manufactur-ing or assembling in this

Secondly, Renault is now active in car hire purchase and insurance through Renault Loan, in cooperation with North West Securities. In his four and a half years

in Britain Acolas's predecessor replaced the two-tier distributor and dealer system with a single-tier dealer network and broke up the subsidiary into three largely autonomous

Lambert leaves with Datsun pushing past Renault as the importer claiming the highest unit sale in Britain, although the French say that an average taken over Lambert's stay would still show Renault

His reward is to return to Paris and responsibility for the United States, Canadian and Mexican subsidiaries. Acolas, on the other hand, is being given an early oppor-tunity to make a splash. No. sooner does he take over than the company launches a new model—the 1,200 cc, five-door Renault 14.

With 34,951 people out of work on Tyneside—8.3 per cent of the working population (na-tional average 6 per cent)—it is perhaps hardly surprising that 1,200 people applied for 180 johs as sales assistants and office workers at a new Market office workers at a new Market Street, Newcastle, department store. The Manpower Services Commission said that such was the demand that a team of six personnel officers from Binns, the store concerned were date over 10 days. Last year more than 1,000 people applied for 150 places advertised by the Automobile Association in the city.

High jinks

The Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators have long regretted that they own no livery hall of their own in the City of London, and are therefore unable to return the hospitality which their officers and members enjoy in the halls of the other City guilds.

Today, however, they make amends in an appropriate manner when they throw a party in a flying livery hall—a DC10 airliner belonging to guild member Freddie Laker.

With characteristic Laker publicity flair, the aircraft is already painted with an advertisement for Skytrain, the cheap-fare transatlantic sarvice which he gained permission from the Government to operate recently. Among the guests are the masters (and ladies) of the gunmakers, the weavers, the coachmakers and

this morning from Gatwick for Amsterdam, where there will be a formal lunch and visits to the harbour and the diamond centre. Arthuriana

The 350-seater sets course

Whither Sir Arthur Cockfield, who steps down as chairman of the Price Commission when his present term ends on July 31? Sir Arthur is 60 and not the sort of man to potter about in retirement, not yet at any rate,

More than six months ago he told the then Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, Mrs Shirley Williams that he would do another year, but it would be his last. A clear-headed if reticent man, he presumably has some idea by now of what he will be doing. He could have said so this week, when Mrs Williams's successor, Roy Hattersley, announced his proposals for the tougher, post-July commission, but Sir Arthur may prefer to wait until after Easter, when Hattersley can

anneunce a successor. by that time the consultation period on the proposals will be over, the White Paper establishing the new commission will have been before the House and candidates for the chairmanship will know what they are lerring themselves in for.

In the meantime there is speculation that after a spectac-ularly diverse career—barrister, taxman, chairman of Boots and latterly a devil figure to big business—he will now make another surprise switch. Per-haps to advising a big firm or industry association on how to live with price control.

Stock markets

# Over 400 again despite Price Code worries

400 mark for the first time since February 4 as shares met with a brisk demand in the first two hours of trading.

By midday, the index had reached its best level of the day with a rise of 5.6, but thereafter the now familiar pattern of a quiet afternoon session asserted itself and by the close the gain had been cut back to 4.4 at

While most saw nothing sinister in this, there was a minority opinion that this late caution was brought about by second thoughts on Tuesday's

The word is that two or three institutional shareholders in Lamson Industries have set their face firmly against Moore Corporation's 85p minority terms. Some say they have no choice but to except, but there is likely to be a fight. Lamson shares were unchanged at 80p.

prices code statement, which, at first sight, had been received favourably. This caution, it is suggested, stemmed from dislike of what is considered to be an "interventionist" artitude towards company profits.

Gilts followed the pattern of equities with a lively early trade and little interest thereafter. By the close, short dates were about one eighth better, 8p to 230p on the monopolies with "mediums" and "longs" clearance for the Gateway both up by as much as one half, offer. FMC was another

For the second day rumning, the spotlight fell on Ultra Electronic where, as expected Racal countered Dowty's terms. Ultra's shares gained 11p to 186p, Racal fell back 2 penny to 288p, but Dowty gained 3p to 116p.

Some feel that the story may not yet be over and more may join the fray, Thorn "A" up 2p to 244p and EMI, firmer by 6p to 212p, are talked of as the most likely additional con-

MK Electric 4p to 131p. But sector-watchers point out that strong family interests would be likely to form a hurdle for potential suitors. Among the majors on the

pitch, Reyrolle at 150p and Rank at 190p, both rose 4p, while United Scientific continued to benefit from the chairman's bullish remarks and gained another 11p for a close of 173p. This company, too, is not without bid talk.

Foods also had their share of interest with Brooke Bond rising 310 to 5110 after the sale of Argentine ranching interests and Linfood gaining

The FT Index went over the Cheaper money hopes were the speculatively wanted and ended with a jump of 9p to 84p. with a jump of 9p to 84p.

The Leonard Fairclough statement discounting a bid for Norwest Holst left the latter's shares, also hit by boardroom complications, off 4p to 84p. The Fairclough shares rose 2p to 166p. Jackson Steeple were suspended at 28p.

Some analysis think that now beer has gone to the Mono-polies Commission the bad news is out. At all events, Greenall The Ultra situation continued to spark off a number of other win Stanneylands, and a hid chestnut, should report profits speculative features, among the of at least 14m against 13.3m smaller electricals. The most for the half-year to March 31, prominent were Dale, up 9p to and go on to make 110m or 150p. Pethow 10p to 148p and more for the year against more for the year against £8.7m. The shares are steady

> The bid interest spread to the stores sector where both Ely's (Wimbledon) 15p to 65p and (Wimbledon) 15p to 65p and Brown Muff 4p to 164p gained more ground, the latter after Fraser's terms Mothercare was another good spot with a rise of 4p to 388p.

455p and Courtsulds 4p to 109p. Bank gained 10p to 320p on its For the last named, suggestions persisted that the company English China Clays were 10p would like to buy out the minority in its International Paint subsidiary whose shares

jumped another 30p to 435p. In motors, there was interest in BTR 10p to 163p and Clayton Dewandre 3p to 87p, while in the building sector there were strong performance from Johnson-Richards Tiles up 7p to 169p and Taylor Woodrow

In oils, the best showings came from Lasmo, up 8p to 320p and Ultramar, which rose another 2p to 158p, making a gain of 10p over the week so far. Explaining this a wag was heard to remark that perhaps investors thought they were buying Utra. In fact, a bullish quarter's figure are expected

5p to 271p.

I othe financial sector, Gillett Brothers put on 2p to 180p after figures and Standard Chartered higher at 84p as the prospect of a higher dividend outweighed rights issue news,

Golds were strong as the metal price spared. The best were Angle American £13.75, Randforntein £23.00 and Hartebeestfontein 19.5, all up 75p. After hours, neither Herbert Morris 148p nor Babcock &

Wilcox 79p stirred following the monopolies findings and the Minister's decision not to intervene further.

Equity turnover on February 22 was £68.05m (15.172 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph, active stocks vesterday were Shell, ICI, BP. MK Electric, BAT Ffd, English China Clays, Thorn "A", Reed International, Courtaulds, Burmah, Innerial Group, EMI, Cadbury, Brooke Bond, BAT Ind. Ultra, IRUC and Trafalgar House. RICC and Trafalgar House.

### Latest dividends

emarks and	another good spot with a rise	Company	Ord	Year	Pay	Year's	Prev
		(and par value)	div	<b>420</b>	date	total	vezr
for a close	of 4p to 388p.	Colmore Inv (25p) Int	0.35	-50	7.4		0.71
any, too, is	Among the "blue chips",			0.87	4.4	_	1.43
_21 4401 25		Estates Prop (25p) Int	0.5				
<u>.</u>	Unilever, with figures next	Pledgeling Inv Fin	1.65	1.5	25/3	1.63	1.5
their share	week, led the way ahead with	Gillett Brothers (£1)	8.12	8.12	_	13	13
rooke Bond	a gain of 12p to 452p, while	Nicholas Int (ASI) Int	Nu Nu	3 <del>†</del>	_	_	6.3†
after the	ICI, with figures today, added	W. J. Pyke (10p) Fin		0.93		Kil	0.93
	4p to 346p in spite of the feel-	Town & City (10p) Int	NA	0.01	_	Nil	0.61
ranching		Westwood Dawes (25p) Fig	2.99	2.88*	_	2.99	2.88*
od gaining	ing there may be higher	Dividends in this table are s	house the	e of ess	on nenc	e ner sh	are Fice
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g Gateway	Other rises came from Bat	establish gross multiply the	net div	idend by	1.34.	* Adj	usted for
another	Ind 5p to 255p, Glazo 5p to	scrip issue. + Cents per sh	are.				-

# Below-the-line loss at Town & City Props swells to £13.1m

doned or brought near to completion a development pro-gramme which, in 1973, was ex-August, the reported loss before pected to cost in excess of tax and before net development it remains subscrable 1450m. And they have kept the outgoings rose from 13.3m to changes, a point wh group afloat—with the backing £3.4m. No dividends are proof Barclays Bank and the Pru- posed. dential-despite a debt to net equity ratio last year of over 380 per cent and an annual revenue drain of more than

Since their arrival at Town the period includes the first. 19.98m, excluding net and City Properties in 1973, Mr Jeffrey Sterling and his management team have sold \$212m of properties. They have abanlian properties and a further f9.5m of sales since last

Relow the line the total loss, after allowing tax relief on development outgoings of £497,000 against £1.46m in 1975, rose from £11.9m to £13.1m. In However, the scale of the addition, the group reports weight of developme problems still facing T & C is realized capital losses in the goings and thus the reflected in half-year results to first half of £12.3m

ment outgoings of £9.6 ment outgoings that the upwar ment of interest rates latter half of 1976. A short-term variable reaccounting for over 60 group accepts will show m results for the sectof its year. Mr Sterlin " ever, points out that development reached completion and tings market improv

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# Foreign exchange, and New Year boon stop Gillett from tumbling

By John Whitmore Profits at Gillett Brothers,

the discount nouse and money broking group, fell appreciably end of January less sharply last year than those of some of its competitors. But the group is still adopting a cautious line on dividends, the

tull payment for the year remaining pegged at 20p a share gross.

The major reasons for Gillett's achievement in holding

the fall in net profits to one of 15 per cent to £469.000 fafter tax and transfers to contin-gencies) are probably twofold.

One has been the fact that, year, the group says the unlike Union and Alexanders, trictions on the banking. its accounting year runs to the This has given the group the benefit of the favourable con-

ditions at the start of the New Year and has helped to offset the lean period from last April to October when profitability
was under severe pressure, as
interest rates rose steeply.
A second contributory factor been the good profits that

have been made by the Kirk-land-Whittaker Group Commenting on the current

introduced last autum lead companies to make use of their unused combill facilities But it also says the prohibition of sterling fir

for third country in damaging the group's commercial bill busines The year and balance shows capital and reser from £3.38m to £3.581 holdings down from £1: £140m and listed investup from £12.4m to £21.41

### Assoc Fish looks to a 200-mile fish zone By Ray Maughan

If a Common Fisheries Policy can be agreed, and Britain's biggest white fish fleet. Associated Fisheries, should be on course for further recovery. In his annual report for the

year to September 30, Mr Paul Tapscott, chairman, estimates that: "provided adequate control and policing of the 200 mile economic zone can be achieved, it should be possible to conserve and develop the fish stocks so as to attain a sustainable annual catch of the order of 2.5m tonnes". At the moment, the combined

United Kingdom fleets are landing about 1m tonnes a year but, as Mr Tapscott points out, the Marshalls pay USSR caught 800,000 tonnes £185,000 for within EEC waters in 1975; and with a gross fishing fleet tonnage of 3.2m, the USSR far tools company outweighs the United Kingdom capacity of 231,000 tonnes. If Britain had a 50 mile exclu-

sive zone, it could double its annual catch, Mr Tapscott believes. AF achieved a notable turn-

round last year and after an interim loss of £837,000 annual pre-tax profits reached £1.9m. The year before losses were

prices and a fleet reduction, the trawling and engineering division, headed by British United Trawlers, made the running. It recovered from a £278,000 loss to a £1.7m trading surplus. But there is a great deal farther to go to improve the 9½ per cent return on funds employed. The foods processing and distribution division elimi-nated a deficit of £716,000 and replaced it with a £599,000 trading surplus.

Even so, the divisional return on capital of around 3 per cent is described as "miserable".

The introduction of three BUT trawlers into Australian waters—a continent which apparently has no established white fish fleet—may prove a valuable area of diversification, particularly since domestic trawlers are returning no more than half the anticipated gross

on capital investment.
But 1977 looks to be a year
of consolidation. Dividend recovery is restricted to 1.92p a share. But at the "earliest practical opportunity" the board will restore dividends to the earlier peak of 5.43p gross a share where the yield at yesterday's price of 474p—up 1p—is 11.4 per cent.

"No interruption in growth

T.Hampson Silk (Chairman)

record anticipated"...

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### **BOC** still seems on way to £85m plus By Nicholas Hirst

quarter profits disappointed the stock market although there was some confusion over much higher depreciation

A 30 per cent increase to a pre-tax figure of £16.6m left profits about £1m short of best expections and the shares closed 1p lower at 67p. The depreciation charge rose

from £6.1m to £8.6m partly as a result of an additional charge of £925,000 reflecting a revaluation of assets. This compares with a total additional charge of £2.5m last year. The increased rate of depre-

ciation follows a widening of the revaluation policy, and it now approximates to the charge that would be made under the

By Nicholas Hirst Morpeth inflation accounting BOC International's first proposals. It is not expected to increase

substantially in the later three quarters of the year and analysts have not downgraded their forecasts for a total pretax outcome of between £85m and £90m.

Asia provided the largest leap in profits—up 51 per cent before interest at £1.2m. Europe was a quarter better at £7.5m, Africa up a fifth at £3.5m, the Pacific regions up 26 per cent at £4.7m and the Americas (Airco) 121 per cent higher at The directors report that all

areas improved profits over the comparable quarter before taking exchange differences into account. Although sterling had strengthened during the quarter the effect on profits

Marshalls (Halifax) have bought from Tempered Group of Sheffield the capital of Higher Speed Metals and also the freehold land and property on which HSM's factory premises are situated. based in Sheffield and manufactures a complete

range of tungsten carbide hard metals and tipped tools. The year before losses were 2.03m. Helped by better selling programme. The consideration of £185,000 has been satisfied

Marshalls added that HSM will continue to operate as an independent company within the engineering division of Marshalls. Expansion is planned for HSM and no redundancies are expected.

By Tony May
A loss of \$A1m gave way

to a pre-tax profit of \$A3.6m (£2.4m) at Consolidated Gold Fields Australia in the six months to December 31.

But the directors say that

the result is disappointing and

they find it difficult to forecast the results for the full year.

However, the directors expect operating results for the second

six months, before extra-

ordinary write-downs or profits,

to show an improvement over

the present set "provided that the benefits of devaluation are

not eroded by cost increases". The group, in which Consoli-

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### Sketchley offer for Johnson-a few jobless

sets a 40.3 per cent increase in the capital value of Johnson's ordinary shares compared to their price on the day before the bid was made.

It also claims that its dividend proposais represent a 35 per cent increase in income to Johnson shareholders. But Sketchley gives a warning that a small number of redundancies will be made at Johnson if the bid goes through.

Sketchley says this would arise from its intention to integrate the dry cleaning businesses of both companies. Sketchley is forecasting profits for the year to the

beginning of April of not than £2.2m compared to £1.96m the year before.

dated Gold Fields has 68 per

cent, managed its turnround on

a gross revenue 15 per cent up

derived from the group's interests in rin, coal and port-

folio investments, were offset

by loesses on copper and iron The group has almost finished

the sale of the Goldsworthy

The Tasmanian copper pro

ducer Mount Lyell continues

to cause concern despite de-valuation, "significant econo-

mies" and a revised production

The "substantial" derived from the

iron ore project

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# Johnson Matthey bounds 44pc

Matthey shows no sign of ending. Pre-tax profits in the nine months to December 31 jumped 55 per cent to £14m. Excluding Johnson Manthey

Bankers, sales went up 21 per cent to £21.8m. The board says that pre-tax profits were arrived at after deducting £2.3m against £1.49m for debenture and other

The second quarter to September 30 had a 48 per cent jump in profits to £4.4m making the half year's total £9.14m against £5.79m, Most of the surge came from mechanical products which include precious metal fabrications, mainly for industrial use. The board expected the improvement to

be maintained for the full year, and the third quarter in fact showed a 29 per cent advance in profits to £4.9m. A similar growth rate for the final quarter would hoist pre-tax profits to £22m from £15m last year and a record £17.1m for 1974-75.

### Strike impact on Ley's offshoot

In its formal offer to share-holders in Johnson Group Cleaners, Skatchley claims that its there and creb offer smart given a warning at the annual meeding.
Mr F. D. Ley, chairman, said

that trading results of its largest subsidiary, Ley's Malle-able Castings, for the second quarter to March 31 would show substantial decline " because of the prolonged strike at the Coventry factory of Massey-

Perguson, its major customer.
Other industrial disputes at customers in the motor industry are now forcing the Derby and Lincoln foundries to go on four-day week. On the brighter side, much

progress has been made in getting the business of Beeston Boilers restarted. This was bought a month ago.

### Tozer Kemsley links with Sumitomo Tozer Kemsley and Millbourn (Holdings), the international finance and investment group,

is to set up a joint venture company with Sumitomo Shoji Kaisha, one of the largest Japanese trading houses, to develop exports to Japan from the uropean Economic Community.
Japan is thinking about increasing its imports from the Community following The Hague meeting last year when the EEC insisted that the trade imbalance should be put right. The new company—to be called Sumitozer—is investigating the possibilities of selling United Kingdom and French automotive components and accessories to Japanese motor

### Lee Valley tender should go well

Lee Vailey Water Company's 2m tender issue of 9 per cent redeemable preference stock 1982 follows a similar E3m issue by Mid-Kent Water Company last month. It received t month. It received record applications at a time when the gilt edeged market was surging ahead strongly.
Mid-Kent's issue attracted an

average price of 994 and is now trading about a point higher than that So, despite the more stable climate in the gilt market, tenders for the Lee Valley issue will almost cerrainly have to be above the minimum tender price of £99 to secure stock and possibly even over the 100 mark. Brokers are Seymour Pierce.

### Est Property delay

Because it ran out of time. the outgoing Commission of the EEC could not provide before the end of 1976 the promised written confirmation of the leasing arrangements for the Brussels site of Estates Property Investment. But the board says that there

is no reason whatever to suppose that this is any more than a brief postponement Gross rents in the six months tn October 31 went up from £877,000 to £983,000, and net

property income was £303,000 £57,000. The annual report of against £723,000. The surplus Mr W. J. Beggs, acting chairevailable for distribution was E81,000 compared with £52,000, and the interim dividend is 0.77p against 1.33p gross. Hanson Trust moves

### deeper into farming

Trust, is making, through N. M. Rothschild & Sons, offers for Hamlya & Company and Hamlya & Company (Transport). The price is £872,000 cash. The offers, recommended by the directors of Hamlyn, have been irrevocably accepted by the bolders of 82 per cent of the

Hamlyn, a privately owned business established in 1859, is a provender miller and agricultural merchant operating in Scotland and Cheshire. Recovery continuing

### at Textured Jersey It is something that Textured

Jersey is again making money. But it is not making much and there is again no interim divi-dend. On the bright side, there was a return to profits in 1975-76 after two years of losses and now the group, in knitted jersey fabrics, reports more than doubled half-time figures.

One turnover up from £3.1m to £3.9m in the six months to October 31, pre-tax profits rose to £82,000, from £31,000, but they included a profit of £21,000 on the sale of fixed assets, against nil.
The board is worried by the

rises in raw material and other costs, and will think about dividends when the full year's figures are in. The last dividend-was for 1972-73.

### Bolton Textile ahead

Profits before tax of Bolton Textile Mill rose from £152,000 to £155,000 in the first half year to October 31 and Mr I. chairman, forecasts that the 12-month's results will show a substantial improvement over the £31,000 made last time. Turnover of this that the 12-months' results will London-based textiles and women's clothing group grew from £4.2m to £5.5m in the first six months.

### Daejan Holdings

Rental income (less property outgoings) of Daejan Holdings rose from £2.27m to £2.37m in the six months to September 30. Property sales brought in £880,000. Pre-tax profits went up from £559,000 to £690,000. The full year's pre-tax profits are expected to be about the same as those the year before, which were £1.06m.

The board explains that a

number of properties owned by investment subsidiaries are being realised since it is "no them. In view of the increasing frequency of these sales, Daejan has been advised that the surpluses from them should be credited to profit and loss account, so increasing profits available for distribution. Comparative figures have been Daejan is the quoted property

offshoot of the Freshwater family residential property empire.

### Fairclough denial Leonard Fairclough has em-

phatically denied that there is any truth whatever" in press suggestions of any contact, share dealings, or other Norwest conversations with Holst and says that it has no interest in that Company. Fairclough have never held and have not bought any shares

in Norwest Holst. Both Norwest, where Dennis Le Mare has ceased to be chairman, and Fairclough are builders and civil engineers.

### Jackson & Steeple Blackburn-based

weaver, Jackson and Steeple has had its shares tem-porarily suspended, pending an before the suspension,
In 1975 the group turned a
profit of £40,000 into a loss of

man, said that there had been a general recovery since the end of 1975 and the group was operating profitably, with strong order books. Northern Counties Securities has 13.74 per cent of

### British Agricultural Services, the United Kingdom agriproducts subsidiary of Hanson Westwood Dawes Westwood Dawes

Record profits for the third year running are reported by Westwood Dawes, a Stour-bridge-based group of struc-tural and mechanical handling engineers.
In 1976 turnover rose from

£1.48m to £1.77m, taking pre-tax profits from £132,000 to a peak £189,000. Earnings a share jumped from an adjusted 4.77p to 7.06p, and the gross dividend rises from 4.44p, allowing for a scrip issue, to 4.61p.

### L. B. Holliday

aniline dye.

After nasty setback. L. B. Holliday (Holdings) partly recovered in the year to June 26, 1976. Turnover rose from £7.83m to £11.08m, and pre-tax profits from £301,000 to £513.000. In 1973-74, profits were a record £917,000. The dividend on the ordinary shares—all privately held—absorbed £75,000, agains £56,000. Holliday manufactures against

### **Bumper Berisford**

All the signs are that inter-national food group S. & W. Berisford is set for another bumper year to end-September. 77, after jumping 45 per cent £13.6m, Mr Norman Castle, chairman, told the annual meeting that trading in the opening four months of the present term shows a "considerable" improvement

This came from an all-round improvement in the performance of its trading companies together with the contributions from newcomers bought in the second-half of last year. The effect of volume reduction in sales brought about by high prices has been reduced by the groups greater renetration in most areas of trading.

### **Business appointments** Sir Monty joins International

Combustion

Sir Monty Finniston, formerly chairman of the British Steel Corporation, has joined the board of international Combustion (Hold-ings) with a view to succeeding Mr J. A. C. Talbot as chairman after the next annual general meeting.

Mr Alex Dibbs will become a deputy chairman of National Westminster Bank from March 1. executive.



has joined the board ings); Mr Alex Dibbs, who becomes a deputy chairman of National Westminster Bank from March 1.

Mr J. G. Kennington has been elected chairman and Mr G. G. Williams deputy chairman of the Issuing Houses Association. The following executive committee was elected: Mr R. A. Brooks, Mr B. H. Buckley, Mr D. J. Ewart, Mr J. R. Gillum, Mr D. O. Horne, Mr Kennington Mr T. G. Manner.

B. H. Buckley, Mr D. J. Ewart, Mr J. R. Gillum, Mr D. O. Horne, Mr Kennington, Mr T. J. Manners, Mr J. M. F. Padovaa, Mr G. R. Walsh and Mr Williams.

M Pierre Acolas has been made managing director of Renault in succession to M Rudolphe Lambert, who moves back to Paris to be responsible for Renault's Northern American subsidiaries, Mr Ellsworth Donnell becomes sole managing director of Western American Bank (Europe). Mr George E. Rothell has resigned as managing director to become as managing director to become executive vice-president of United California Bank. Los Angeles.

Mr Michael Laming has been elected to the board of the NCK

# UTAH AUSTRALIA

Sydney, Feb 23.—Utah Mining Australia (UMAL) chairman har C. H. Rennie told annual meeting that the 1977 year has not started as buoyantly as hoped. However net income should be substantially higher provided Umal's proposed four per cent stake in Central Queensland Coal Associates joint venture is not Associates joint venture is not delayed too long.

Jorehaut Holdings has bought a further 10,000 ord in Unochrome International, bringing holding to 3.59m shares.

place orders for UK capital plant. HOLLAS-BONAS WEBB
Hollas Group's offer for Bonas
Webb received acceptances for
4.01m ord (92.4 per cent) and
23.633 pref (68.22 per cent).
Offers unconditional and open

until March 7.

LINFOOD-GATEWAY

Proposed merger between Linfood Holdings and Gateway Securifood Holdings and Gateway Securi-

W. J. PYKE (HOLDINGS)
Turnover for year to June 30,
1976, up from £4.48m to £5.06m.
But Co suffered a loss of £49.569 degainst profit of £1,471 after all-charges. No dividend, compared with 1.44p gross. Chairman says Co should return to profits this

After provisions for taxation and for any diminution in the value of assets, and transfers to reserves, profits of merchant bankers (Baring Brothers dipped-

# from £530,000 to £525,000 in and dividends paid or pawill absorb £512,000 of Current, deposit—and accounts increased from f to £132.1m, bringing balance total up from £76.5m to £

Fledgeling Investments'; for year to Jan 21 up £228,000 to £257,000. Di 2.54p gross (2.31p).

Profit for nine months 31 last, £72,000 (£64,000)

Co has almost paid offper cent priof liest fields
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available for distribution to available for distribution to EGM to be held March approve voluntary winding

midday

Broadstone Investment 1976 pre-tax revenue inc. from £830,000 to £940,000. payment up from 5.61p to

Chairman states in ambiel r that target for the year, set time ago, is for an locrea: profits. Early tradicy indice are that this is attainable.

### Inter-City purchase . .

Net tangible assets of

# CHALLENGE CORPORATION LIMITED

350,0455

	9,038 3,864	91.12.7 NZ\$'000 5,560 2,531
ıs	5,174 820	3,029
	5,994 16	3,561
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Group tumover rose from \$NZ250.6m to \$NZ367.0m, a increase of 46.5%, whilst net profit after tax but excludin it. capital profits on disposals of surplus assets (as shown above increased by 68.7%. This improvement was mainly attributable to buoyant trading conditions in the rural servicing companies in particular Wrightson NMA. Group exports rose by 95%, and continuing efforts are being made to achieve the export target; stated in the 1976 Annual Report.

significantly less than the rate of increase in sales. This: reflected determined efforts to lessen the Impact of inflation by the continuing reorganisation and rationalisation programme! within all sectors of the business. It cannot however be expected that expense savings can be continued at this leve and the full impact of many cost increases are now being reflected in the results. The Board anticipates that in th immediate future increased expenses will be the most significan

it was stated in the last Annual Report that the immediate objective was an increase of 12% in profits. As a result of the experience of the first half of the financial year the Board now expects that this increase will exceed 20%.

An interim ordinary dividend of 5% (unchanged) is payable on 23rd March, 1977 to shareholders registered on 1st March, 1877. This dividend will be derived from realised capital profits of the control of the capital profits of the and is free of tax in the hands of shareholders resident in New-

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Briefly **FLEDGEINIC** COLMORE INVESTMENTS -

> loan interest, £53,000 (£ and tax. Gross interim Single payment of 1.32 year before. SALVADOR RAILWAY

BROADSTONE INVESTME

ARCOLECTIC (HOLDINGS) Pre-tax profit for year to ber 31 up from £112,0 £199,000. Gross payment

WEST COAST AND TEXAS Gross revenue of West Con-Texas Regional Investment

CREST NICHOLSON

The Inter-City Invest-Group has bought Sha-Ron rics, a private maker of do knit jersey fabrics, for 82 ordinary shares.

Ron at November 31 £110,000 and pre-tax pr £19,000 Inter-City's A: Knitwear subsidiary alr makes double knit jersey, Sha-Ron will merge its pri-tion with that of Albion. duction will then increase some 40 per cent with resu

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7,100 4,522 Although expenses were higher their rate of increase was

factor affecting profits.

Interim Dividends

Warrants will be posted to 51% and 6% Preference Share to the holders on 28th February, 1977. These warrants will cover to dividends for eight months together with repayments of capital ordinas approved at Special Class Meetings held late last year.

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COPE SPORTSWEAR Board reports that for technical reasons it is unable to bold the company's EGM on March 11, to increase borrowing powers. Meeting now convened for March 18.

CREDIT FOR SPAIN-The Export Credits Guarantee Dept has guaranteed a fim line of credit which Midland Bank has made available to Banco Hispano Americano, Spain. The loan will enable Spanish manufacturers to

ties not going to Monopolies Commission.

Board of Scottish American Investment to increase terms of proposed repayment of pref. Revised terms: (or every £1 of 4 per cent, now 2.8 per cent, plus tax credit), 40p cash; for every 10 per cent (now 7 per cent, plus tax credit), 100p cash.

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# for tin, lead

Renewed buying enthusiasm developed for all base metals and sliver in morning dealings on the London Metal Exchange yesterday.

Tin established new highs of £6,127.50 for standard cash, £85 ap on Tuesday's close, and £6,272.50, a rise of £80, for three months. The rises followed an American statement that a review of tin stockpile policy would take "a matter of months to complete". At the afternoon close the rise on standard cash was £92.50 and three months had gained £91.

In lead, new highs were established of £413.25 for cash and £423.75 for three months. At the afternoon close cash had risen £12.50 on the day and three months had gone £13.50 ahead.

Copper was £10 higher for cash wire bars and £10.25 for three months in a market given impetus by tin. The afternoon close increases were £12.75 for both cash and three months in morning dealings, closed £3.75 up for both cash and three months.

Silver was also aided by gold and gained between 2.50p and 2.90p in the morning. At the afternoon close there were increases of between 2.40p and 2.70p on the

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### Foreign Exchange

**Commodities** 

Sterling eased back on the soreign exchanges yesterday morning, but still closed yesterday with a net 5 point gain at \$1.7030. Modest and featureless trading was reported.

The Swiss franc railied to 2.5290/5300 against the dollar, from 2.5308/15 earlier, but was still easter on the overnight level of 2.5230/40. Dealers said the rally was a reaction to yesterday morning's easiness which occurred amid reports of a heavy Swiss buying order for dollars and further reports of Swiss cantral bank buying of dollars.

The mark steadied in sympathy with the Swiss franc, to close at 2.3950/60 against the dollar from the earlier 2.3970/80. The overnight rate was 2.3015/25.

The French franc closed at 4.9845/55 to the dollar against 4.9915/30 overnight as the currency consolidated a firmer trend which dealers felt was largely a reaction to recent weakness.

The guilder closed at 2.5010/25 to the dollar, easier on the overnight level of 2.4970/83.

The pound's effective rate was unchanged on the day, at 43.3 per cent.

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# Discount market

After one day's respite, very tight credit conditions returned to Lombard Street yesterday. The Bank of England was required to assist the market on a very large scale in rotal. The authorides bought a moderate amount of Treasury and corporation bilis directly from the houses and also lent a large sum overnight to seven or eight houses at MLR (12 The major factor behind the shortage was the very substan-tial excess of revenue transfers (mainly tax) over Government dis . Rates stayed at between

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# Wall Street

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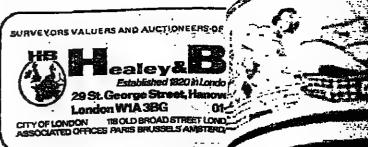
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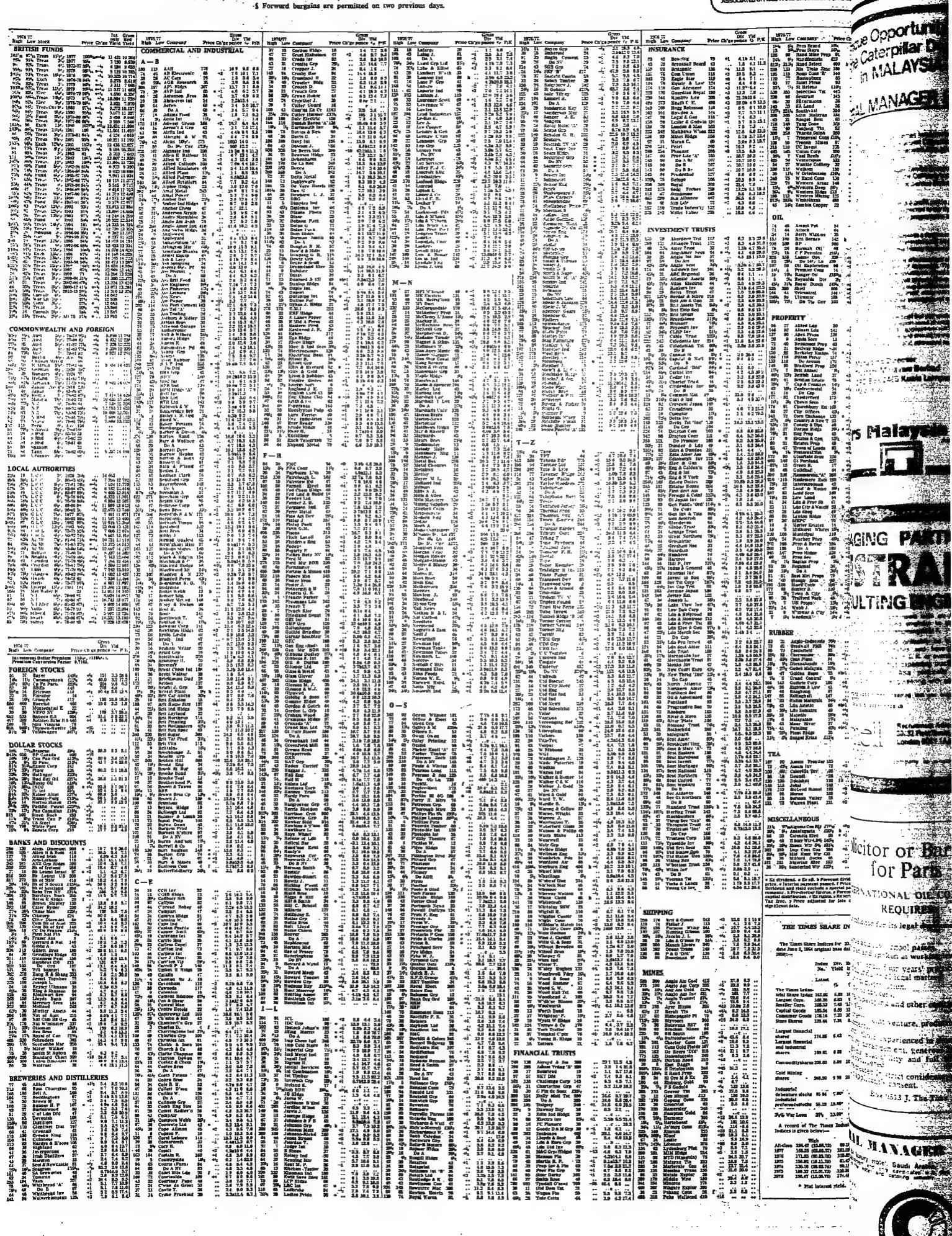
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brakes powerful and the steering com-bines lightness with accuracy and feel. With the old-fashioned leaf-spring rear with the old-fashioned leaf-spring rear suspension it is perhaps no surprise that neither handling nor ride is of the highest order, though an estate car is not usually judged by its cornering ability and the ride gets noticeably smoother as the load increases.

For £4,199 the 260C estate offers as standard items cloth seat trim and full carpeting, tinted places a check and

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and autometically switches off after 15 minutes to save the battery.

The nearest hig estates in character, size and price are the Granada and the Toyata Crown. The Ford, with a littre engine, is \$22 cheaper and the Toyota costs \$200 less. The Peugent 504 can also undercut the Datsun by about \$200 and offers better refinement and ride comfart as well as seven states. Like the Datsun, it is not particularly nuck; after all, the engine

scats. Like the Datsun, it is not particularly quick; after all, the engine is a more 1,971cc. But overall I rate it very highly.

The Citroen CX Safari 2400 comes in at £4,870 and is a typically advanced design with a superb ride from the hadron amount of the supers. hydroneumatic suspension. Both the French cars are available with diesel engines. The Volvos are the most expensive: 55.001 for the four-cylinder 245 and £6.825 for the V6 265. They are also probably the most durable, and their robust construction has carned them the not unflattering title of Sweden's family formess.

### Cautious Rolls

The discreet charm of the Rolls-Royce is enhanced this week with the announcement of the Silver Shadow mark two, though the layman may well wonder why it has taken so long to come up with the sort of improvements that on more modest cars have long been regarded as commonplace,

The first Silver Shadow appeared that its lo in October, 1965, since when there get it by, have been no fewer than three new Cortinas. The changes, after 111 years, are hardly revolutionary. Few cors these days are without rack-and-pinion steering or even wrap-around bumpers and an air dam. Indeed, the cynic might say that they just about bring the Shadow into the 1970s.

Rolls-Royce is by no means the first car manufacturers to play around with the carburettors and other parts of the engine to improve fuel consumption or to stiffen its front suspension to reduce body roll and tyre wear. We must, of course, grant that not every car has an air-conditioning system that can be preset to produce at the same time warm feet and a cool head.

But to criticize Rolls-Royce for its caution is to miss an essential point. It is not a company that must be constantly looking over its shoulder to see what competitors are doing and try to do better. Some would say it

has no competitors. Rather, the philosophy is a conservative one: to retain the best of the past. The most formidable asset Rollspast. The most formidable asset Rolls-Royce has is its quality image, and it makes changes only when there is an overwhelming case for doing so.

Why, for instance, had Rolls resisted for so long the change to rack-and-pinion steering? "Because we wanted to get it right", Mr John Hol-

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If there has been a theme running through the changes to the Shadow over the years it has been the gradual transformation of un "American" car into a "European" one. The United States is the principal overseas market for Rolls-Royce, taking about a quarter of all sales, and the Shadow was originally designed to suit America's straight wide roads.

Rack-and-pinion steering, which is generally reckoned to be more precise than the recirculating ball system previously used on the Shadow, was deliberately avoided as being inappropriate to the car. Rolls-Royce drivers, it was argued, did not chuck their vehicles into corners as, say, a Mini vehicles into corners as, say, a Mini owner would, and the steering should allow for that. Nor did it matter that the front suspension allowed considerable body roll, for the car would not be driven that hard. Now times and opinions have changed, and the Silver Shadow II has a distinctly tauter feel

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The changes will probably give the car another five years or so before it gets a new bodyshell and, possibly, a different name. But again the stying need not be subject to the whims of fashion, and if the car looks a trifle old-fashioned then that is part of its appeal. We should not expect any dramatic departures into wedge shapes. dramatic departures into wedge shapes or hatchbacks. The overall size is likely to remain as well. In American terms the Shadow is a small car and not for nothing, they are saying in Crewe, has Cadillac taken the same dimensions for its Seville.

Touring fuel consumption on the Shadow has gone up by a tenth and, driven carefully, it should now give at least 15 miles to the gallon. That is still well short of the target the American Government wants car manufacturers to meet by the 1980 model year, although Rolls is hoping that its low sales and good faith will

### Porsche's British debut

Right-hand drive versions of the Porsche 924 coupé go on sale in Britain on March 10. First seen here at the London Motor Show in October. the 924 is a front-engined, rear-wheel drive car which uses several mechan-ical components, including the engine and gearbox, from Volkswagen Audi, and is manufactured under contract at

the Audi plant at Neckarsulm. The novelty is that the gearbox is mounted at the back to help weight distribution. The engine is the fourcylinder 2-litre unit, with fuel injec-tion, from the Audi 100, and is said to give excellent performance (0 to 60 mph in just over eight seconds and top speed of 120 mph) combined with

respectable fuel consumption. There is fully independent suspension. The 924 does not pretend to be more than a two-plus-two (that is, tw adults in the front, two children in the back) but the rear sear can be folded flat and there is a lift-up rear window. Despite Porsche's claim to have held the price down, the car is still extremely expensive at £6,999 for the basic version and £7,673 for the fully equipped model.

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GODDARD.—On Feb. 22nd, Poter, only son of the tra Captain H. E. Goddard, Haistnerpe Hall, East Yorkshire, and of Mrs Goddard, How of Mrs Goddard, now of Windsor and brother of Hazel. Cremation Charling, Kent, 3-30, Friday, 25th. Private fumeral later.

GOODMAN.—On Tuesday night, 22nd February, while listening to music, Dr Theodore Goodman, et 1672 Ashley Gardons, London, belovad brother of Lord Good-man, Funeral Sunday, 37th Feb-ruary, 10.39 a.m., at Liberal Jewish Camertay, Willesdan,

GUYATT. — On 23nd February, parcatulty, Redemant Guyatt, of 28 Beeches Avenue, Carshalton, Surrey, Service at Chillern Church, Sutton, on Monday, 23th February, at 1.15 p.m., followed by cremation. "Looking unto Haste"

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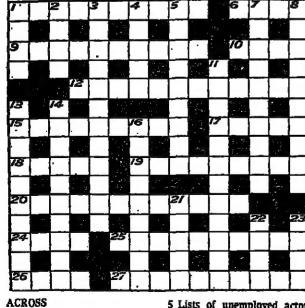
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